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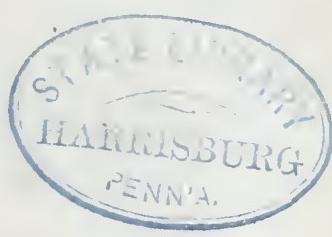
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# PROCEEDINGS

OF THE

## FIFTY-THIRD ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

# Right Worthy Grand Lodge

OF THE

## UNITED STATES

OF THE

# Independent Order of Odd Fellows

HELD IN THE

## City of Baltimore, State of Maryland,

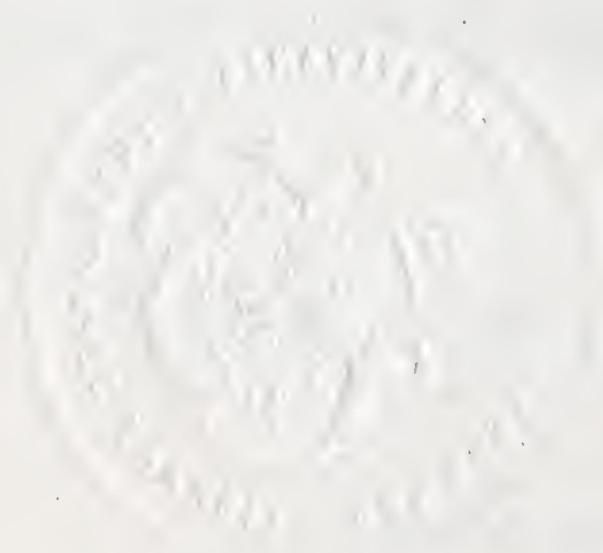
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## ANNUAL COMMUNICATION

OF THE

R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,

HELD IN THE

CITY OF BALTIMORE, STATE OF MARYLAND,

*Commencing September 17, 1877.*

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MONDAY, September 17, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day, being the regular Annual Communication, when, upon the call of the roll the following members were found to be present:

### OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

And a representation from thirty-three Grand Lodges and twenty Grand Encampments, as follows:

FROM GRAND LODGES.

JOHN F. COTHRAN, P. G.....	Alabama.
GEORGE W. HURLEY, P. G.....	Arkansas.
Wm. J. DE GRESS, P. G.....	Chile.
Wm. BLATT, P. G.....	Dakota.
ROBERT H. McDANEL, P. G. Marshal.....	Delaware.
JOHN F. HAVENNER, P. G. Rep.....	District of Columbia.
CHARLES C. PEARCE, P. G.....	Florida.
CHARLES C. KIBBEE, P. G. M.....	Georgia.
E. B. SHERMAN, P. G. M.....	Illinois.
D. B. SHIDELER, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
M. HEISEY, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
FRANK H. BETTON, P. G. M.....	Kansas.
Wm. W. MORRIS, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
THOMAS ROBERTSON, P. G.....	Lower Prov. B. N. A.
JOHN M. JONES, P. G.....	Maryland
HORATIO WELLINGTON, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
GEORGE DEAN, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
WALTER G. DYE, P. G. Rep.....	Minnesota.
S. C. COCHRAN, P. G. M.....	Mississippi.
ALF. BENNETT, P. G. M.....	Missouri.
JAMES D. CLEAVER, P. G. M.....	New Jersey.
SEATON GALES, P. G. M.....	North Carolina.
A. C. DEUEL, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
JAMES WOODYATT, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
SAMUEL F. GWINNER, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
HERBERT E. DODGE, P. G. Rep.....	Rhode Island.
JOSEPH L. WEAKLEY, P. G. M.....	Tennessee.
I. C. STAFFORD, P. G. M.....	Texas.
HENRY SIMONS, P. G. Secretary.....	Utah.
CHARLES WOODHOUSE, P. G.....	Vermont.
E. H. FITZHUGH, P. D. G. Sire.....	Virginia.
JOHN H. ROSLER, P. G. M.....	West Virginia.
THEODORE RODOLF, P. G. M.....	Wisconsin.

FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

NORVAL W. COX, P. C. P.....	Arkansas.
NATHAN PORTER, P. G. Rep.....	California.
DAVID W. BOYD, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
REUBEN ROBERTSON, P. G. P.....	Indiana.
CHARLES G. KRETSCHMER, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
M. S. DOWDEN, P. G. P. and P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
ALEXANDER L. SPEAR, P. G. M.....	Maryland.

AMOS HILL, P. G. P.....	Massachusetts.
FAYETTE S. DAY, P. G. P.....	Michigan.
EDWARD WILKERSON, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
ALMON C. LEAVITT, P. G. P.....	New Hampshire.
AARON B. CRANE, P. G. Rep.....	New Jersey.
CHARLES M. BUSBEE, P. G. P.....	North Carolina.
JAMES A. ARMSTRONG, P. G. P.....	Ohio.
JOHN HAM PERRY, P. G. P.....	Ontario.
CHARLES N. HICKOK, P. G. Rep.....	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. JOHNSON, P. G. P.....	Rhode Island.
A. T. MCKINNEY, P. G. M.....	Texas.
THOMAS S. SPATES, P. G. P.....	West Virginia.
JOHN H. VIVIAN, P. G. P.....	Wisconsin.

## PAST GRAND Sires.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
FREDERICK D. STUART.....	District of Columbia.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.

The R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, of Kentucky, now addressed the Throne of Grace, as follows:

## PRAYER.

Almighty and eternal Lord of heaven and earth, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning, Who art the same yesterday and to-day, and forever: from everlasting to everlasting Thou art God. Accept, we beseech Thee, our humble tribute of praise and thanksgiving for Thy goodness and mercy, which have followed us all our days. We thank Thee especially for the privilege of meeting here, as brethren of a great family, whose mission is to do good and not evil, to our fellow men. Strengthen and encourage us in our benevolent work, that many sorrowing hearts may be made glad, the sick tenderly cared for, the afflicted comforted, and the widow and orphan protected in their loneliness. Be Thou with us, O God, in our present meeting. Grant to each officer and member of this body Thy divine help and guidance, that our legislation may not only advance the interests of our Order, but also promote Thy glory. We pray Thee, O Lord, to forgive our enemies, persecutors and slanderers. Make them to realize the true purposes of our beloved institution--to recognize the Fatherhood of God and the Brotherhood of man, and be led to unite with us in our labor of love. Bless our civil rulers, and dispose them to act as Thy ministers for the good of mankind, and incline us to honor and obey them in their several stations. And unto Thee, O Lord, be ascribed all glory, as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

The Deputy Grand Sire, by order, examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified, whereupon, by further order, he proclaimed the Grand Lodge opened for business.

On motion of Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, the reading of the minutes of the last session was dispensed with, and the same were approved as printed.

The chair announced the following committees:

*Committee on Credentials.*—Reps. HILL, of Massachusetts; SIMONS, of Utah; WOODHOUSE, of Vermont; VIVIAN, of Wisconsin; DEUEL, of Ohio.

*Committee on Allotment of Seats.*—Reps. LEAVITT, of New Hampshire; HAYNIE, of Texas; DAY, of Michigan; COCHRAN, of Mississippi; GOODRICH, of Nebraska.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials received from the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments. Also, the protest of DAVID P. GARDNER, P. G., of New York, against the admission of GEORGE J. GARDNER as representative from the Grand Lodge of New York; which were referred to the Committee on Credentials.

Rep. LEAVITT, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on Allotment of Seats, made the following report, which was adopted, and the members were seated accordingly:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Allotment of Seats report the result of the drawing as follows:

Alabama.....	108, 109, 110	Mississippi.....	65, 66, 67
Arkansas.....	21, 22, 23	Missouri.....	61, 62, 63, 64
British Columbia.....	24	Montana.....	60
California.....	45, 46, 47, 48	Nebraska.....	42, 43, 44
Chile.....	38	Nevada.....	138, 139, 140
Colorado.....	68, 69, 70	New Hampshire.....	86, 87, 88, 89
Connecticut.....	141, 142, 143, 144	New Jersey.....	5, 6, 7, 8
Dakota.....	121	New York.....	78, 79, 80, 81
Delaware.....	114, 115, 116	North Carolina.....	126, 127, 128
District of Columbia.....	98, 99, 100	Ohio.....	122, 123, 124, 125
Florida.....	29	Ontario.....	53, 54, 55, 56
Georgia.....	111, 112, 113	Oregon.....	129, 130, 131
Illinois.....	30, 31, 32, 33	Pennsylvania.....	17, 18, 19, 20
Indiana.....	13, 14, 15, 16	Rhode Island.....	104, 105, 106, 107
Iowa.....	9, 10, 11, 12	South Carolina.....	72, 73
Kansas.....	57, 58, 59	Switzerland.....	37
Kentucky.....	93, 94, 95, 96	Tennessee.....	132, 133, 134
Louisiana.....	90, 91, 92	Texas.....	74, 75, 76, 77
Lower Provinces, B. N. A....	145, 146	Utah.....	97
Maine.....	25, 26, 27, 28	Vermont.....	39, 40, 41
Maryland.....	82, 83, 84, 85	Virginia.....	101, 102, 103
Massachusetts.....	117, 118, 119, 120	West Virginia.....	135, 136, 137
Michigan.....	49, 50, 51, 52	Wisconsin.....	1, 2, 3, 4
Minnesota.....	34, 35, 36	Wyoming.....	71

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. LEAVITT,  
J. A. HAYNIE,

S. C. COCHRAN,  
FAYETTE S. DAY.

Rep. HILL, of Massachusetts, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report, which was adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials desire to report the following Representatives as duly accredited and entitled to seats in this Grand Body, as shown by certificates.

We also find the certificate of A. H. LICHTY, Representative of Illinois, lacks the signature of the Grand Scribe, but we recommend he be admitted as Representative, there being no other claimant. Your committee also find a protest against the admission of GEORGE J. GARDNER as Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York, and ask further time for its consideration.

We also find, from the report of the Grand Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELEY, to the M. W. Grand Sire, herewith submitted, that the following Grand Bodies are not entitled to representation in this Grand Lodge on account of indebtedness, viz:

Grand Lodge of British Columbia.....	\$76 27
Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	75 00
Grand Encampment of South Carolina.....	318 00
Grand Lodge of Switzerland.....	114 00
Grand Lodge of Wyoming.....	75 00

FROM GRAND LODGES.

JOHN R. TOMPKINS, P. G. M.....	Alabama.
ALBERT COHEN, P. G. M.....	Arkansas.
FRANK G. BEATTY, P. G., (for one year, <i>vice</i> C. N. FOX, resigned) .....	California.
COLIN M. BOYD, P. G. Rep.....	California.
J. H. DECKER, P. D. G. M., (for one year).....	Colorado.
S. H. BRADLEY, P. G. M.....	Colorado.
STEPHEN TERRY, P. G. M., (for one year, <i>vice</i> SAMUEL TOLLES, resigned).....	Connecticut.
THEODORE I. DRIGGS, P. G. M.....	Connecticut.
DANIEL W. BRERETON, P. G.....	Delaware.
WILLIAM R. MCLEAN, P. G. M.....	District of Columbia.
LUTHER J. GLENN, P. G. Rep .....	Georgia.
JOHN H. OBERLY, P. G. M.....	Illinois.
J. B. KIMBALL, P. G. M.....	Indiana.
ERIE J. LEECH, P. G. M.....	Iowa.
JOHN M. PRICE, P. G. M.....	Kansas.
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD, P. G. M.....	Kentucky.
SILAS T. GRISAMORE, P. G. M., (for one year, <i>vice</i> W. C. WILSON, resigned).....	Louisiana.
JOHN E. RENGSTORFF, P. G.....	Louisiana.
W. W. STUMBLES, JR., P. D. G. M.....	Lower Prov. B. N. A.
CHARLES B. NASH, P. G., (for one year, <i>vice</i> B. C. STONE, resigned) .....	Maine.
STEPHEN K. DYER, P. G. M.....	Maine.
CHARLES H. RAWLINGS, P. G. Rep.....	Maryland.
HORACE W. STICKNEY, P. G. M.....	Massachusetts.
JOHN N. INGERSOLL, P. G. M.....	Michigan.
W. C. WILLISTON, P. G. M.....	Minnesota.
D. N. BARROWS, P. G. M.....	Mississippi.

WILLIAM H. THOMPSON, P. G. M., ( <i>vice</i> E. R. THULKELD, resigned).....	Missouri.
CHARLES E. DUER, P. G. M.....	Montana.
ST. JOHN GOODRICH, P. G. M., ( <i>for one year, vice</i> W. S. STRETCH, resigned).....	Nebraska.
ANTON ZIMMERER, P. G. M.....	Nebraska.
W. H. VIRDEN, P. G., ( <i>for one year</i> ).....	Nevada.
C. W. JONES, P. D. G. M.....	Nevada.
JOSEPH KIDDER, P. G. Rep., ( <i>for one year, vice</i> SAMUEL J. OSGOOD, deceased) .....	New Hampshire.
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS, P. G. M.....	New Hampshire.
WILLIAM A. NEWELL, P. G. Rep.....	New Jersey.
GEORGE J. GARDNER, P. G. M., ( <i>for one year, vice</i> JOHN W. STEBBINS, whose election was by the G. L. U. S. declared void).....	New York.
JOHN W. STEBBINS, P. G. M.....	New York.
WILLIAM H. BAGLEY, P. G. M.....	North Carolina.
JOHN E. BELL, P. G. M.....	Ohio.
WILLIAM N. FORD, P. G. M.....	Ontario.
J. F. BACKENSTO, P. G. P.....	Oregon.
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD, P. G. M.....	Pennsylvania.
GILBERT F. ROBBINS, P. G. M.....	Rhode Island.
SILAS JOHNSTONE, P. G. P.....	South Carolina.
GEORGE B. BOYLES, P. G. M.....	Tennessee.
M. D. HERRING, P. G. M.....	Texas.
GEORGE H. BIGELOW, P. G.....	Vermont.
JAMES B. BLANKS, P. G. M.....	Virginia.
E. A. PECK, P. G. M.....	West Virginia.
JAMES V. JONES, P. G. M.....	Wisconsin.
PETER HAMMA, P. G. M., ( <i>for one year, vice</i> WM. L. KUYKENDALL, resigned).....	Wyoming.

## FROM GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

GEORGE H. SPORMAN, P. G. P.....	Alabama.
F. P. DANN, G. M., ( <i>for two years, vice</i> J. F. MILLER, resigned).....	California.
C. P. ELDER, P. G. M. and P. G. P.....	Colorado.
L. I. MUNSON, P. G. P.....	Connecticut.
WILLIAM H. CLOWARD, P. C. P.....	Delaware.
JOHN T. GIVEN, P. G. P.....	District of Columbia
C. A. ROBBE, P. G. P.....	Georgia.
A. H. LICHTY, P. G. P., ( <i>for one year, vice</i> JACOB KROHN, resigned).....	Illinois.
JAMES S. TICKNOR, P. G. P.....	Illinois.
J. W. SMITH, P. G. P.....	Indiana.
HERMAN BLOCK, P. G. P.....	Iowa.
LUKE M. HAVENS, P. G. P.....	Kansas.
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, P. G. P.....	Kentucky.
LUTHER HOMES, P. G. M.....	Louisiana.
JOSHUA DAVIS, P. G. P.....	Maine.
HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. M.....	Maryland.
NATHAN TAYLOR, P. G. P.....	Massachusetts.
O. W. OVIATT, P. G. P.....	Michigan.
MONROE SHEIRE, P. G. P.....	Minnesota
L. K. BARBER, P. G. P.....	Mississippi.
EDWIN S. PIKE, P. G. P.....	Missouri.
J. C. FORD, P. G. P.....	Nebraska.

J. C. SMITH, P. G. P.....	Nevada.
CHARLES F. HILDRETH, P. G. P.....	New Hampshire.
WILLIAM N. NUTT, P. G. H. P.....	New Jersey.
GEORGE HASKINS, P. G. P.....	New York.
WILLIAM B. KENNEDY, P. G. P.....	Ohio.
JOHN GIBSON, P. G. P.....	Ontario.
EZRA ST. JOHN, P. G. M.....	Oregon.
M RICHARDS MUCKLE, P. G. P.....	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM J. MILLER, P. G. Rep.....	Rhode Island.
W. A. BARRY, P. G. Scribe.....	Tennessee.
J. A. HAYNIE, P. G. P.....	Texas.
NELSON C. HYDE, P. G. M.....	Vermont.
JACOB H. ROBINSON, P. G. P.....	Virginia.
R. H. HOTCHKISS, P. G. P.....	Wisconsin.

Respectfully submitted,

AMOS HILL,  
HENRY SIMONS,  
CHARLES WOODHOUSE,

JOHN H. VIVIAN,  
A. C. DEUEL.

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted his annual report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND SIRE.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the United States:*

REPRESENTATIVES:—In obedience to the commands of the organic law which brings us together once more in annual council, I have the honor to submit for your consideration a report of my official acts during the year. The continued depression in the various industries of the people, which seems to be testing and trying every pursuit, interest and enterprise in life, and finally culminating in events that are calculated to bring reproach upon the civilization, manhood and progress of the nineteenth century, has tended to put to the severest test the faith and confidence of the members in the value and reliability of our organization to fulfill its pecuniary and moral obligations at all times towards its members. And the sequel shows a wonderful tenacity of life, and persistent perseverance and courage in the maintenance of their noble and disinterested purpose, to be greatly admired, and presents the most hopeful outlook for the future.

Whilst it is to be regretted that in some localities the membership has fallen off, the aggregate returns will exhibit an increased constituency in both branches, over last year in the United States. We have more than held our own. The ranks that are annually thinned by death, inability and indifference of a large class to pay their dues, has been more than made up with new recruits, presenting to the assembled representatives a progressive and appreciative constituency, which, under all the adverse circumstances that have so long paralyzed the industries of the country, is cause of congratulation. And we should not fail in making proper acknowledgments to the Supreme Ruler of the Universe for the many favors, which enable us to feel that His love appears to govern in our councils, and that we meet again under the most favorable auspices, with peace, harmony, good will and good order pervading the entire brotherhood.

The general returns give the following condition of the Order.

	Grand Lodges.	Subordinate Lodges.	Grand Encampments.	Subordinate Encampments.	Lodge Initiations.	Lodge Members.	Encampment Members.	Total Relief.	Total Revenue.
Year 1875.....	48	6,395	39	1,756	50,043	454,689	87,450	\$1,698,868 92	\$4,714,241 70
Year 1876.....	48	6,678	39	1,806	40,646	456,125	87,785	1,689,485 62	4,489,872 46
Increase .....		283		50					
Decrease .....					9,397	1,436	335	\$9,383 30	\$224,369 24

The following Lodges, to which charters were granted at the last session, have been duly instituted, to wit:

Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, instituted March 19, 1877.

Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Lima, Peru, S. A., instituted October 30, 1876.

Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Callao, Peru, S. A., instituted October 31, 1876.

#### WARRANTS ISSUED.

TO CONTINUE OPERATIONS WHEN CHARTERS HAD BEEN DESTROYED BY FIRE.

R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas, June 20, 1877.

Milicete Encampment, No. 11, St. John, N. B., Lower Provinces, July 24, 1877.

#### FOR SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, instituted September 22, 1876.

Port LaJoie Encampment, No. 13, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada, instituted October 24, 1876.

Harmony Encampment, No. 2, New Westminster, British Columbia, instituted July 24, 1877.

Unity Encampment, No. 2, Seattle, Washington Territory, instituted August 24, 1877.

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

New Castle Lodge, No. 8, New Castle, Washington Territory, instituted February 10, 1877.

Mount Baker Lodge, No. 9, Port Townsend, Washington Territory, instituted February 26, 1877.

Patit Lodge No. 10, Dayton, Washington Territory, instituted March 8, 1877.

Beaver Lodge, No. 6, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, instituted March 6, 1877.

McAlister Lodge, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory, instituted April 26, 1877.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, Richmond, Province of Quebec, Canada, instituted April 14, 1877.

#### SPECIAL COMMISSIONS.

To J. S. DRUMMOND, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer Encampment Degrees on nine brothers, petitioners to institute an Encampment at New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada.

To H. G. STRUVE, D. D. Grand Sire, to confer Encampment Degrees on ten brothers, petitioners to institute an Encampment at Seattle, Washington Territory.

To JOHN W. SMITH, R. W. Grand Marshal G. L. U. S., to visit the Order in England and Holland.

## SUBORDINATE LODGES NOS. 8, 9 AND 10, WASHINGTON TERRITORY.

These three Lodges have severally petitioned to be attached to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Oregon, which has jurisdiction of the other Lodges in that Territory. There was precedent for the granting of this request during recess by the Grand Sire, but in view of its effect upon the revenue of the Grand Lodge their applications are herewith submitted for your consideration.

## DECISIONS.

I have found laws and precedents for nearly all of the many questions that have been presented, and have therefore but few decisions to report. The value of a complete and authoritative digest of our laws cannot be over estimated, and the importance of keeping it brought up with the latest legislation is of the utmost value to the many grand, executive and ministerial authorities, whose duties so frequently require them to consult it. I must acknowledge my indebtedness to this valuable work, and hope that no means will be spared in making it the uniform and reliable standard of our laws. I also desire to return my thanks to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, and his efficient assistant, Bro. Ross, for their uniform kindness in so cheerfully and promptly rendering their valuable counsel and assistance whenever I have found it necessary to seek it. Indeed, all my intercourse with the R. W. Grand Secretary's office has been amongst the most pleasurable associations of the year. The new fire-proof addition has contributed greatly to the comfort and convenience of these officers, and is invaluable for the preservation and security of the Grand Lodge records and property.

*Question.* Is it right for the Grand Representatives to give the A. T. P. W. to the Grand Lodge or Encampment, the same as he would the permanent P. W. during the exemplification of the unwritten work?

No. 1. *Answer.* No; the A. T. P. W. should be communicated by the Grand Representative to the M. W. Grand Master or Grand Patriarch of the jurisdiction, who will communicate it to the Grand Secretary or Grand Scribe, and cause it to be communicated to the D. D. Grand Masters and such other installing officers as he may find it necessary to appoint to assist him in the discharge of his official duties.

*Question.* Is it compulsory on the N. G. of a Degree of Rebekah Lodge to communicate the A. P. W. to one of its members who is divorced from her husband, whether he is still in good standing or has been expelled from the Order?

No. 2. *Answer.* If a member, (Daughter of Rebekah), upon her own libel (or complaint) against the husband, has obtained a divorce, she would be entitled, under section 509 "D," White's Digest, to the A. P. W., and the N. G. of Degree of Rebekah Lodge would be the proper officer to communicate the same. But if the decree of divorce was made upon the husband's libel or complaint against the wife, the A. P. W. should be withheld until the Lodge should be satisfied that she had not been guilty of any immoral conduct. The husband's standing in his Lodge does not affect her standing in the Rebekah Degree Lodge either one way or the other. See section 509 "D," White's Digest.

*Question.* Are Lodges in this (New Jersey) jurisdiction required to submit their By-Laws or amendments thereto, to our R. W. Grand Lodge and have them approved before they can have force and effect?

No. 3. *Answer.* The above question is entirely within the control of State Grand Lodges, and with which the Grand Lodge of the United States should not interfere unless upon appeal in the usual manner. Vol. 8, page 6618, Journal G. L. U. S.

*Question* Can an Indian with a withdrawal card be a petitioner for and become a charter member of a new Lodge?

No. 4. *Answer.* No, he cannot be either; the action of the Grand Lodge of

the United States, session 1876, page 6977, decided "That no Lodge can lawfully permit an Indian to visit it under any circumstances whatever," which renders him also incompetent as a petitioner for a new Lodge.

No. 5. A brother of an extinct Subordinate Lodge, holding a certificate or card such as are described and provided for in sections 225 and 226, White's Digest, is entitled to visit upon such certificate or card for one year from the date of its issue; and the N. G.'s of Subordinate Lodges, when officially requested by the Grand Secretary of the jurisdiction issuing such certificate or card, upon being satisfied of the identity of the individual, should communicate the A. T. P. W. to the brother holding such certificate or card. Sec. 1518 and 1519, White's Digest.

No. 6. The status of a brother holding a dismissal certificate, is specifically defined in the third resolution as reported under Sec. 316, White's Digest, and if he wants to renew his membership, he must pursue the same course as that prescribed for Ancient Odd Fellows in Sec. 64, or as an applicant or petitioner for a charter for a new Lodge, as provided for in Sec. 316, "B," White's Digest.

#### FINANCES.

The reports of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and Secretary will present to you in detail the fullest information upon the financial affairs of the Grand Lodge. But I may be permitted to add that I have not participated in the apprehension which seems to have been produced by the legislation of last year. The Grand Lodge is abundantly able to meet all of its requirements, and it has a constituency that will not withhold for a moment the needed contribution, in whatever form their representatives shall deem advisable to preserve its credit, if we are but careful to give evidence by our legislation that the best economy consistent with the dignity and usefulness of the Body is exercised.

We seem to have been alarmed at the gradual reduction of a large balance that had in a few years accumulated in the hands of our faithful Grand Treasurer, without properly reflecting upon the circumstances that created it, or the reasons which were operating against keeping it up to that standard. The revision of the work in 1872-3, compelled the Lodges and Encampments to surrender or destroy the old books and to procure new ones, which suddenly (although furnished at little above first cost) filled our treasury; and at the same time it effectually stopped, until these books should begin to wear out, a demand for new ones; and until that time shall arrive, we must necessarily draw upon this surplus then and thus created. After which there will doubtless be the usual annual and regular demand, which will in the future, as it has in the past, form a reliable source of revenue towards the expenses of the Grand Lodge. In illustration of what I have endeavored to explain, I will ask you to compare the reports of the R. W. Grand Secretary in 1871 and '2, before the new books were issued, with his reports in 1876 and '7, after the Lodges and Encampments had all been supplied with the new and revised edition, when it will be seen that there is a regular demand for new books (aside from the new Lodges instituted), to take the places of those that are constantly wearing out. This whole subject, however, is in the hands of an able and competent committee, who will doubtless give it the fullest consideration and to whose suggestions and recommendations, as well as to those of the R. W. Grand Secretary and Treasurer, I invite your special attention.

#### REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEE TO CONFER WITH THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES, FOR THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING THE FRIENDLY INTERCOURSE OF THE UNITED STATES MINISTER AT BERLIN WITH THE PRUSSIAN FOREIGN OFFICE, IN BEHALF OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

I had the honor to receive the report of this distinguished committee in February last, a copy of which accompanies this report. At my request the R. W.

Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary had the same printed, and a number of copies forwarded to the M. W. Grand Sire of the German Empire.

#### HISTORY OF THE FIRST DECADE.

In consequence of the postponement of the committee's report on this subject at the last session until this year, I understand but little progress has since then been made. The action of last year should not be construed as unfavorable to the merit of the work; the high character of the author is a guarantee that whatever has his endorsement upon that subject, will be well received by the Order at large, as a truthful narrative of the early history of Odd Fellowship in this country. It was unfortunate, perhaps, that its consideration came up in the unavoidable absence of the historiographer, and many of us regretted the delay which this action has caused. The real and serious question then was, How, by whom, and under what terms and conditions should the book be published? The plan presented by the committee did not seem to be acceptable to a majority of the Grand Lodge at that time, and the late hour of the session when the subject was considered did not afford sufficient time to perfect another; the whole question is therefore before you for your consideration, and it is to be hoped that it will claim your early and earnest attention; it is of too much importance to be longer delayed.

#### INFRINGEMENT OF COPYRIGHT.

It having been brought to the notice of my predecessor that the Order in some of the jurisdictions were using odes supplied by private parties other than those published and furnished by the G. L. of the U. S., and regarding it as an infringement of the copyright and tending ultimately, if persisted in, to interfere seriously with the revenue, he issued special notices to the Grand Authorities complained of, for their suppression. Finding, upon my induction into office, that there were parties still engaged in the printing, distribution and sale of these illegal odes, I deemed it to be my duty, as well as absolutely necessary for the protection of the revenue of the Grand Lodge, which was beginning to feel the effects of the interference, to issue a circular letter directed to the M. W. Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the different jurisdictions, requiring them to forbid the use of all odes other than those issued by the authority of the G. L. of the U. S., a copy of which is herewith submitted.

Responses to this circular have been received from many of the Grand Authorities, giving assurances of a willingness and determination to sustain the effort to stop the unlawful interference with the sale of supplies and the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and at the same time disclosing the existence of a variety of odes or poems differing altogether from the prescribed formula in the work of the Order, and which have been substituted for the regular odes, thus changing the work in violation of Article twenty, By-Laws of the G. L. of the U. S., a notice of which confronts every officer of a subordinate Lodge that opens a charge book.

I would respectfully submit, in connection with this subject, that there is an evident desire in many localities to have the various odes of the Order set to appropriate music, something altogether different and better than has been heretofore supplied, and would suggest that this is the proper time to meet this manifest want of the Order in that direction, or to surrender it altogether to private enterprise or to the local jurisdictions.

All of the information upon this subject that has come to my notice, has been given to the Committee on Printing Supplies, who will, I am advised, submit for your consideration a remedy for the evil complained of, and for which I ask your favorable consideration.

There is also somewhat connected with this subject, though not probably in violation of any copyright, an individual enterprise that is flooding the Order and ornamenting Lodge rooms with maps, charts, diplomas and certificates of

membership containing a great variety of figures, emblems and mottoes, a large number of which are not to be found in the classified and recognized symbols of our Order; and I most respectfully submit for the consideration of this Grand Lodge whether this privilege or license should not be subject to some regulation or supervision of this Body, which shall at least limit the display of what purports to be emblems of the Order, in our Lodge rooms, to those only that have their proper and recognized signification, and in the event of our ultimate success in that direction, to make these charts what they purport to be—standard works that can be utilized by Encampments, Lodges and Degree Lodges in the exemplification of the ritual.

#### JOURNALS AND PERIODICALS.

I feel constrained under a sense of duty to refer to what I might be justified in calling a growing evil arising from the carelessness of correspondents in the journals and periodicals of the Order, and perhaps, I might add, a want of care on the part of the editors and proprietors in the supervision of the matter published in their columns, in which quotations from the ritual of the Order, with significant and descriptive acts, are given to the public in such a manner as to give the uninitiated an insight to matters which you have unmistakably said shall not be done; even some of the official proceedings of the Grand Jurisdictions contain decisions upon the secret work that I submit should not have been printed. I do not charge that these things are done with the least intention of violating the law. Our ritual is filled with rich and elegant gems of thought, and I do not wonder that our brethren like to refer to them, and feel a pride in being identified with an institution that entertains and holds in such high esteem the golden words that seem to lift us from the groveling things of time to a higher and better life; but you have said that they are for the initiated only, and therefore I submit that we should be more guarded in the use of them before the public. I would not willingly do anything to impair the interest, enterprise or usefulness of the various journals and periodicals of the Order, which I am glad to know are being better appreciated every day, and I feel assured that in whatever form this abuse may be condemned, no injury can come to them.

#### VISITATIONS.

I have had the pleasure of visiting during the year the R. W. Grand Lodges of Delaware, New Jersey, District of Columbia, Pennsylvania, and the R. W. Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania. These visits deeply impressed me with increased confidence and renewed hope for the future of the Order, finding devoted, zealous and experienced Representatives manifesting a lively interest in the business before them, and who evidently felt the importance of the trust committed to their charge. And I desire to return my thanks for the uniform kindness and attention so generously extended on every occasion.

#### FOREIGN COUNTRIES — CONSOLIDATION OF THE TWO BRANCHES IN FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

Feeling satisfied that it was a mistake originally in our organization to have had two Grand Legislative Bodies in one and the same jurisdiction, supervising identical interests, governing by similar laws and precedents—one constituency, in fact, as the Encampments have to depend entirely upon the Subordinate branch for their membership, and that membership resting entirely upon their standing in the Subordinate Lodges, we find ourselves, after long experience and the most extraordinary efforts in behalf of the Encampment branch, confronted with the fact that the Encampments, as separate beneficial organizations, are generally feeble, and, with a few honorable exceptions, a failure, and

their membership less than one-fifth of the Subordinate branch, presents such a wonderful disparity in numbers, that it would seem to indicate a want of appreciation of its real value, either in a pecuniary or moral point of view. The first, I submit, might be supplied by the increased strength and interest afforded to Subordinate Lodges in giving them jurisdiction over the Encampment Degrees, but the latter is of too much importance to our fellow men and brethren to be made to depend upon the success or failure of a mere beneficial organization, particularly so when that organization is restrained or limited to a prescribed constituency, and should be placed above any and all such pecuniary considerations.

I do not propose that we should unsettle the solemn judgment of the Grand Lodge of the United States, which it so emphatically rendered a few years ago, upon the proposition to merge the two branches of the Order in this country, by giving to our Subordinate Lodges jurisdiction over the Encampment Degrees, and requiring the P. G's. of the Grand Lodges to have the R. P. Degree, which would in effect have destroyed the Encampment branch. There were many considerations in the settlement of that question at that time, which led inevitably to the conclusion then arrived at, in which I then and now fully sympathized, and which I do not propose to disturb. A legal existence of half a century had created such complication of interests, that mergement at home, as much as we may regret the errors of the past, had become with us simply an impossibility. But all this does not warrant or justify us in inflicting upon other countries, where it has been recently or may hereafter be introduced, the evils or errors of a system which may endanger or jeopardize its success and prosperity there, and which our experience teaches should be avoided. And without recapitulating here what already so fully appears in your Journals, I most respectfully submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge the propriety of adopting, so far as the same can be made applicable to foreign countries, a plan similar in detail to the one submitted by Grand Representative N. PORTER, of California, for the mergement of the two branches in this country, at the annual session in 1873. Vol. 7, page 5763.

The simple process of giving to the Grand and Subordinate Lodges instituted in foreign countries jurisdiction over the Encampment work, and requiring candidates for office subsequent to the change to be properly instructed in these higher Degrees, and if necessary to confer them gratuitously upon all the present P. G's. in foreign countries, with a single Grand Legislative Body in each Grand Jurisdiction, would place the Order abroad beyond the possibility of failure.

#### CANADA.

The Order in the British provinces of Ontario, Quebec and the lower provinces, being an integral part of this R. W. Body, with their Representatives annually with us, holding the same relation as our home jurisdictions, have become so nearly allied to us in interest and feeling, as it is contiguous in territory, that it is no longer referred to amongst us as a foreign country into which the Order has been introduced, but I may be permitted to add from a personal knowledge afforded by a visit to that jurisdiction whilst D. G. Sire, that there is no location or Grand jurisdiction anywhere that can boast of being in better hands. Their Representatives have been pressing with commendable patience, but with persistent modesty and zeal upon the consideration of this Grand Lodge for several years, the propriety of adopting a name that would be more cosmopolitan and comprehensive than the present one for a body now exercising authority in other and many different nationalities, and ultimately it may be in every quarter of the globe, and whilst I am willing to confess an attachment to the name under which we have won our way to public favor and distinction, and doubtless eminently proper when adopted, I most respectfully submit that the continued extension and success of the Order into other countries seem to create an absolute necessity for the change.

## FIRE IN ST. JOHN, NEW BRUNSWICK.

Our brethren in the Lower Provinces, in common with their fellow-citizens, have been visited with a fearful and disastrous conflagration, in which many of them have suffered great loss, besides the destruction of the books, regalia and other property in some Lodges and one Encampment.

Under an anxiety to be properly informed as to the extent of the disaster and privations of the unfortunate sufferers before any general appeal to the Order for relief was recommended, the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary addressed a letter to the R. W. D. D. Grand Sire ANDRE CUSHING asking information upon the subject. His reply will be presented in the correspondence of that office, giving an account of the losses and misfortunes of our brethren there, but who decline to make any general appeal for relief.

I am happy however to know that their brethren in Ontario and other localities voluntarily forwarded liberal contributions for their relief.

## MANCHESTER UNITY, ENGLAND.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary will submit to you an official communication from the Annual Movable Committee of England, through the M. W. Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, together with the correspondence thereon, which I regard as of the utmost importance, proposing in terms a full recognition and acknowledgment of our Order by an interchange of visits between the members of the Manchester Unity and the brethren of the American Order into their Lodges.

There is something so confiding, generous and unselfish in this voluntary offer by the Grand Authorities of this large and important organization, numbering over half a million members, certainly the largest, richest, and with probably the best digested financial system of dues and benefits that any other beneficial association or friendly aid society can boast of, that its consideration should claim your early, earnest and respectful attention.

Whilst the union of these two colossal organizations, aggregating a million of members, banded together for the common purpose of disseminating the great principles of *Friendship, Love and Truth*, the elevation of human character, and the alleviation of the ills and misfortunes incident to human life, would probably present the grandest spectacle the world has ever seen, I must confess that in all the phases that this generous and seductive proposal presents itself, I feel utterly unable to suggest any practicable mode that would be acceptable to both parties, of accomplishing so desirable a result. And it is therefore in great deference committed to your charge, promising a hearty co-operation in whatever measures you may adopt to unite under some mutual, uniform and harmonious system, that will not hazard the heretofore unparalleled usefulness and prosperity of these two great organizations, that each have so abundantly exemplified in the past.

## THE NETHERLANDS.

Since our last session another nationality has been added to the list of those that have accepted American Odd Fellowship.

Paradise Lodge, No. 1, located at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, was instituted March 19, 1877, with the most flattering assurances of a grand success, by Special Deputy Grand Sire F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire of the German Empire, to whose untiring efforts we are greatly indebted for the successful introduction of the Order into that country. His official report accompanied by a certificate from the authorities of Amsterdam, consenting to the institution and introduction of the Order amongst them, is herewith presented.

Authority having been given to the Special Deputy to translate the ritual into the Holland tongue, he reports that the Initiatory Work has been completed, and that a second copy will soon be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Secretary.

Whilst I did with great pleasure promptly tender my official acknowledgments to that distinguished brother for his valuable services, which must have been performed at considerable pecuniary sacrifice, I had no authority to assure or promise that the expenses thus incurred should be paid. Enclosed respectfully submit for the consideration of the Grand Lodge that authority be given to the R. W. Grand Secretary to tender him such compensation as will reimburse him for the expenses incurred in the discharge of this special duty.

I had the pleasure of receiving, September 8th, after the above had been placed in the hands of the printer, through Special D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, an application for another, the second Lodge in the Netherlands, from five brothers holding withdrawal cards from Paradise Lodge, No. 1, to be located in the City of Amsterdam, and to be hailed as Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, with the usual charter fee of \$30, and the recommendation of the Special D. D. Grand Sire, which is herewith submitted for your consideration.

#### FRANCE.

The presence at the Centennial Exposition, of large delegations of workmen, experts, manufacturers and engineers, representing the various industries of France, seemed to present a favorable opportunity for an effort to introduce the Order into that country, and arrangements were in progress to accomplish it; but it was so near the close of the Exposition that sufficient time was not afforded to accomplish so desirable a result. We have a large and intelligent constituency of that nationality in this country, and doubtless, a large number of our members, during the Paris Exposition in 1878, will avail themselves of the opportunity to visit their native land, and I would take the liberty of suggesting that special authority be given to encourage the introduction of the Order into that country.

#### ASIA.

I take great pleasure in submitting herewith the correspondence between Grand Representative PORTER, of California, and the Hon. O. N. DENNY, of Oregon, United States Consul at Tien Tsin, China, looking to the introduction of the Order into Asia. It will rarely occur when so favorable an opportunity will be afforded to make an effort to unfurl our banner and raise the standard of American Odd Fellowship in the Empires of China and Japan, as the one here presented. A single question, however, presents itself. The effect of this proposition is to introduce the Order into a country and amongst a race of people the native citizens of which are proscribed by our laws and are ineligible to membership into the Order. Of course, this movement is not designed to go beyond the Caucasian race, and must be, under existing laws, confined to the European and American inhabitants of that country. And the query naturally arises, how will this be received in those Empires? Can we hope to find favor or encouragement from either the people or the governments under these circumstances? And is it good policy to antagonize the Order with them?

It is true we have the Order already established in the Sandwich Islands, whose native citizens labor under the same disability, but it will be remembered that this was accomplished prior to the construction placed upon the term of "free white males" in 1858, and when it was supposed that the Mongolian and the descendants of other similar races were entitled, and indeed were admitted, under a decision of the G. L. U. S., as members of our organization. And the great popularity of the Order in Honolulu has rendered their presence so acceptable to the people and government, that they complain of nothing but the rule that prevents them from becoming members.

The subject and proposition are important and interesting, presenting a question which must be met sooner or later, and is now very respectfully submitted to your consideration.

## AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND.

The condition of the Order in Australia and New Zealand is so fully and ably presented in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, that I feel it to be only necessary to invite your special attention to his report upon that subject and to that interesting field of our labors, in the hope that you may remedy, by proper and timely legislation, the complications which seem to exist in their present organization.

The correspondence with the D. D. Grand Sire in relation to the duties of his office and the custody of the secret work, will be submitted herewith in manuscript.

## PERU.

From official information derived from Bro. HURWITZ, D. D. Grand Sire of Peru, it is learned that in order to enable the Lodges of that country to comply with existing laws regulating the character of the currency in which their dues to the G. L. of the U. S. are to be paid, the rate of exchange between Callao and Baltimore averaging about forty per cent. on their gross receipts, would, if the law was enforced, virtually break up the Lodges and destroy the Order in that country, and I would very respectfully suggest, that whilst the present unexampled commercial prostration continues all over the world, that the existing by-law, Article ten, be modified so far as jurisdictions beyond the limits of the North American Continent are concerned, and just relief be afforded, and that payment be made in their own currency until otherwise ordered; or that the rate of exchange actually paid be credited to the Lodges, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to give the subordinate Lodges located in Peru credit for the amount of the balances appearing against them, which have been caused by the high rates of exchange in 1876 and 1877.

## ENGLAND.

Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo American Encampment, No. 1, London, continue to be a source of much solicitude and anxiety, and I regret exceedingly to report that the prospect of success for either of them still hangs in the balance.

The R. W. Grand Marshal of the G. L. U. S., Bro. JOHN W. SMITH, being about to make a visit to England and the Continent of Europe on account of his health, I availed myself of the opportunity to enlist his services in the interest of our London brethren, and commissioned him as a Special Deputy to visit them, and impart such instruction, advice and information as they might need. His report, which is herewith presented, with the correspondence had with Bro. ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE, a very zealous member of the Lodge, and an intelligent and distinguished citizen and merchant of London, will place you in the possession of the fullest information upon the subject.

## CUBA.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, received an application in April last from a number of brethren, residents of Havana, in the island of Cuba, representing themselves as belonging to various Lodges in the United States and South America, but without their withdrawal cards. Being aware that secret societies were positively forbidden by the laws of Spain, no effort was made to perfect the application, and the petitioners were accordingly advised of this insurmountable difficulty to their enterprise.

## OTHER FOREIGN COUNTRIES.

The condition and progress of the Order in BOLIVIA, CHILE, PERU, GERMANY, SWITZERLAND and the SANDWICH ISLANDS, are so fully presented in the

R. W. Grand Secretary's Report, that any extended reference to these jurisdictions in this report would be little less than a repetition of what is so much better said there, that it is only necessary to refer you to that report, and ask your favorable consideration of the suggestions and recommendations therein contained.

#### DEATH OF PAST GRAND SIRE ELLISON.

It is my painful duty to announce to you that one of the mighty men in our Israel has fallen by the hands of the inevitable reaper, death.

Past Grand Sire WILLIAM ELLISON, of Massachusetts, departed this life on the 23d of last month, at his residence, in Boston, at the age of sixty-six, after a life of usefulness such as few men have achieved. Venerable in years as in character, "like a sheaf of corn fully ripe," yet of a frame that gave assurance of many years still of active service in the varied relations of life, in which God had honored him as an instrument of blessing to his race; just on the eve of another communication of this Body, at which he has been present as Grand Representative, Grand Sire and Past Grand Sire, more sessions than any other man, living or dead, excepting only the lamented WILDEY and our venerable RIDGELY, the mournful funeral knell has fallen upon our ears, announcing to us that he has been gathered into the garner of the illustrious company, "who have shown their love to God by works of love to their fellow men," and that we shall see his face no more.

We hoped to meet him here this year, as we have in the years past; to receive his kindly, manly, fraternal greeting; to enjoy his counsels and profit by his example; but only his vacant place and his portrait upon the wall are present in our conclave, to remind us that,

"Like the dew on the mountain,  
Like the foam on the river,  
Like the bubble on the fountain,  
He is gone, and forever."

I recommend that you take such action in honor of his eminent worth as your wisdom shall dictate.

#### CONCLUSION.

Grand Representatives, I have presented to you, as concisely but as briefly as possible, the various subjects likely to engage your attention during the session, and with the submission of the reports of the other Grand Officers, and of the several committees charged with the investigation of special subjects during the recess, you will have before you the fullest information concerning the affairs of the large and interesting constituency which you have the honor to represent, and whilst you will find matters of much moment and of the highest interest to the welfare, progress and perpetuity of the Order eminently worthy of your calm and deliberate consideration, I am not aware that any extraordinary measures or legislation will be either asked for or needed.

The harmony, good order and general prosperity existing throughout our entire jurisdiction attests the ability and wisdom that is controlling the counsels of the several and many Grand jurisdictions in the government of the Subordinates committed to their charge, and I hope that you may continue to deserve the confidence and respect of the great Brotherhood which has heretofore been so generously awarded to your predecessors, and that the decisions, decrees and legislation of the Supreme National Authority shall bear the unmistakable impress of thought, deliberation and wisdom.

J. W. STOKES,  
*Grand Sire.*

## DOCUMENTS ACCOMPANYING GRAND SIRE'S REPORT.

## PROCLAMATION OF THANKSGIVING.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,  
OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.*To all to whom these presents shall come, GREETING:*

WHEREAS, The twenty-sixth day of April is the recognized and accepted anniversary of our beloved Order, and by immemorial usage it has been customary to celebrate the day in such appropriate manner as the several Subordinate Grand jurisdictions may respectively designate,

Now, therefore, I, JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, pursuant to authority invested in me by law, do hereby enjoin upon all Grand and Subordinate Bodies of the Order, to set apart that day for its due observance as the *Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America*. And to that end to dedicate the occasion to appropriate celebration, thanksgiving and prayer, at such times and places as the several jurisdictions may elect.

Done at the city of Baltimore, State of Maryland, this eighth day of February, A. D. 1877, and of our Order the fifty-eighth.

J. W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*JAS. L. RIDGELY, *G. C. and R. Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE,  
OF THE R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.*To the M. W. Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, I. O. O. F.:*

WHEREAS, It has been represented to me that subordinate Lodges and Encampments have procured and are now using odes other than those published by the Grand Lodge of the United States, in violation of the laws and to the detriment of the revenue thereof; and as the exclusive right to furnish odes for subordinates is vested in that Grand Body, and the laws to be found on pages 588, 888, 914, 1237, 1269, 1314, 3716, 6278, 6657 and 6751 of the Journal, from 1843 to the present time, prohibit the printing, publishing and issuing of odes by Grand Bodies, subordinate Bodies and individuals; and in 1875 the R. W. Grand Lodge declared: "*That Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and individuals, who shall print and circulate any forms or ceremonies of this Grand Lodge that constitute a source of revenue to its treasury, will be deemed guilty of an offence against the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States,*" you are hereby required to cause your District Deputy Grand Masters, District Deputy Grand Patriarchs, or other proper officers, to visit the Lodges, Degree of Rebekah Lodges and Encampments under their charge, and forbid the use of all odes other than those issued by and bearing the imprint of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and to see that they are immediately supplied with the legal odes through your several Grand Bodies.

And you are further required to direct the said officers to present to you the names of the subordinates or individuals in your jurisdiction engaged in the printing, issuing, purchasing or in any way countenancing the circulation of

such illegal odes, that you may take such steps as shall be necessary to punish the party or parties for committing "an offence against the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States."

And you are also directed to notify each subordinate under your jurisdiction, that the use of odes, forms or ceremonies authorized by the Grand Lodge of the United States, other than those issued by it, and bearing its imprint, will be considered and punished as an act of insubordination.

Given under my hand and the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at the city of Philadelphia, in the State of Pennsylvania, this, the twenty-sixth day of February, 1877, and of our Order the fifty-eighth.

J. W. STOKES, *Grand Sire.*

REPORT OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ORDER IN THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

WASHINGTON, D. C., February 5, 1877.

J. W. STOKES, Esq.,

*M. W. Grand Sire of the G. L. U. S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—In obedience to the resolution of the last session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, found on pages 7055 and 7056 of the proceedings of said session, we did, on the 27th day of December, 1876, address a letter to the Secretary of State, asking him to instruct our Minister at Berlin to co-operate with our Brothers there in relation to the matter set out in said resolution.

We transmit herewith a copy of our letter and the reply of the Secretary of State. We hope our Minister may feel authorized to use his best efforts to secure to our Brothers the rights, immunities and privileges they are entitled to under the laws of our Order. We submit this as the report of our action in the premises.

Yours fraternally,

M. J. DURHAM,  
A. A. SARGENT,  
O. P. MORTON.

WASHINGTON, D. C., December 27, 1876.

To Hon. HAMILTON FISH,

*Secretary of State.*

SIR:—The following printed slip is taken from the proceedings of the last session of the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the United States, which was held in Philadelphia in September last:

WHEREAS, this Grand Body has learned that a controversy has arisen between the Grand Lodge of the German Empire and the local police authorities at Berlin, Prussia, (as the executive agent of the Prussian Government,) in regard to the question, whether a certain law of the German Empire, requiring all societies and institutions which undertake and promise to pay to their members stipulated sums of money as benefits in case of sickness or death, to obtain governmental permission before their establishment, and to be under government control and supervision, in accordance with certain prescribed regulations, may be construed so as to be applicable to our Order, and,

WHEREAS, it is desirable for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to be placed in a position to be able to invoke and avail itself of the good offices and official influence of the United States Minister at Berlin, Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, in its behalf, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That Bro. M. J. DURHAM, M. W. Grand Sire, member of Congress from Kentucky, Bro. O. P. MORTON, P. G. M., United States Senator from Indiana, and Bro. AARON A. SARGENT, P. G., United States Senator from Cali-

fornia, be and are hereby requested and empowered to take such steps as are calculated to procure from the Department of State, of the United States at Washington, an official authorization for the United States Minister at Berlin, empowering him, when called upon by the proper organs of the Order in the German Empire, to use his official influence with the Prussian Foreign Office, in behalf of the Grand Lodge I. O. O. F. of the German Empire, as far as the nature of the case, in his discretion, may permit him to do so.

We desire to state that this Institution was introduced into the United States from England in 1819, and has been wholly reconstructed under American auspices. Its exclusive idea is Morals and Benevolence in every form. As you will doubtless remember, in the year 1870, upon the application of sundry respectable residents of the German Empire, and by your permission, then, as now Secretary of State, the aid of the Hon. GEORGE BANCROFT, our Minister to that Court, was invoked to assist in introducing the Order into that country, and accordingly, in December of that year, the first Lodge was organized at Stuttgardt. It was established under the control and jurisdiction of the American Institution. But in 1874 it had grown and increased to such an extent that they established a Grand Lodge and became in many regards an independent body, the work, rituals, &c., remaining the same as in this country. It seems that the police authorities of that Empire claim that the beneficial part of our system is not in harmony with their laws in regard to Eleemosynary Institutions, and claim the right to look into and regulate that branch of the Order, while it is contended by intelligent and well informed members of the Order that there is no conflict. With this brief explanation, we request you to forward this letter, or a copy, with instructions to the Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, our Minister, to give such aid and assistance (as he feels authorized by his position to exercise) as he can to the members there, to a proper understanding of their rights, and to adjust as far as he can their differences.

We beg to refer him to the various papers, petitions, letters, &c., signed by various members of Congress and others, now in the office of our Minister, sent to Mr. BANCROFT in 1870, for a general history of this Order and its establishment in the German Empire.

By thus invoking the friendly aid of our Minister at Berlin, you will render a lasting favor upon a large and influential charitable organization, and will much oblige the undersigned, who are members of that Order.

Your obedient servants,

M. J. DURHAM,  
O. P. MORTON,  
A. A. SARGENT.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE,  
WASHINGTON, D. C., January 11, 1877.

THE HONORABLE M. J. DURHAM,  
*House of Representatives.*

SIR: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of a communication, dated the 27th of December, ultimo, from yourself, the Honorable O. P. MORTON and the Honorable A. A. SARGENT of the United States Senate, relating to a controversy which has arisen between the Grand Lodge of Odd Fellows of the German Empire and the local authorities at Berlin.

In compliance with the request made in that communication, a copy thereof has been transmitted to the Minister of the United States at Berlin, with an instruction that, should an occasion present itself, leaving no room for doubt as to the propriety of an exercise of his unofficial good offices, and should the matter commend itself to him, he is authorized to take such action thereon, as is desired.

I have the honor to be, sir, your obedient servant,

HAMILTON FISH.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF SPECIAL DEPUTY GRAND SIRE,  
AMSTERDAM, March 20, 1877.

To JOHN W. STOKES, Esq.,

*M. W. Grand Sire, R. W. G. L. U. S., Philadelphia.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It appears providential in the history of our Order, that the more difficulties that arise to prevent the progress of this divine Institution, the more a latent power strengthens our energies to overcome them. There was indeed a time when we despaired of ever planting our banner upon the soil of the Netherlands, but patience and resignation soon dispelled all gloomy clouds. When first proceeding to Amsterdam to fill the mission, the Worthy P. G. Sire, DURHAM, during the time of his office confided to our hands, we were greatly disappointed in discovering that the idiom of our ritual was clothed in a language the candidates were entirely strangers to. We reported the sad eventuality to the proper sources, and by permission of the R. W. G. L. U. S., in their last session, the "work" was authorized to be translated into the Holland tongue. Our commission to open a Subordinate Lodge was renewed, and, buoyant with hopes, we proceeded a second time to this place, determined to accomplish our task; but, alas! our hopes were dimmed again, by the refusal of the government to recognize Odd Fellowship. We tried again without any avail, when you, M. W. Grand Sire exchanged your ideas with those of that Nestor in prudence and in virtue of Odd Fellowship, the Worthy Grand Secretary, our so tenderly and deeply beloved brother RIDGELY, in such a happy manner that those ideas, endorsed by our own views, led to as satisfactory solution of the pending question.

The inclosed copy of the officially written document of the Burgomaster and interpreter of the law, the original of which we caused to be filed, and which now safely rests within the archives of Paradise Lodge, will bear to you the glad tidings that there prevails no objection to the introduction of our friendly Order into the dominion of the Netherlands. This document carries on its face the "wapen," i. e., the coat of arms of this country, is signed by the first city authorities, and convinces us beyond doubt that the requirements you enjoined upon us and upon the petitioners are fully complied with.

A telegram dispatched to our dwelling place, Elberfeld, called us a third time to Amsterdam, and this time, Heaven be praised for it, not in vain. Last night we proceeded to institute Paradise Lodge, No. 1, installed the regular officers, and initiated seventeen candidates, the names of which are joined to another page of this letter.

While our heart rejoices to have contributed a mite towards extending the sublime principles of our sacred cause to the Netherlands, let us pray that Providence may permit us to continue our efforts, feeble and modest as they are, in the service of Odd Fellowship, in such manner that our successors in office and in life may see every city, every village and hamlet of both hemispheres, encompassed within the beneficent folds and heaven-born bonds of Friendship, of Love, of Truth.

With best regards, truly and fraternally yours,

F. S. OSTHEIM,  
*Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

The following gentlemen became, by initiation, March the 19th, members of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam:

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| 1. N. F. MULLER,     | received 5th Degree, | 10. A. BOOLEMAN,                      |
| 2. H. D. BLITZ,      | " " "                | 11. M. A. BOOLEMAN,                   |
| 3. A. F. EMANUEL,    | " " "                | 12. A. WAFFELMAN,                     |
| 4. D. A. SJOUDERMAN, | " " "                | 13. H. NEITELINGEN,                   |
| 5. E. KLEERKOOPER,   |                      | 14. T. KLEERKOOPER,                   |
| 6. L. S. STREEP,     |                      | 15. A. HALBERSTAD,                    |
| 7. N. VANVOLEN,      |                      | 16. G. VANHESS,                       |
| 8. S. COURANT,       |                      | 17. M. B. FRANK, received 5th Degree. |
| 9. M. ELKAN,         |                      |                                       |

After the initiation we availed of the privilege vested in us, and conferred for the purpose of causing all the appointed offices to be filled, and to permit the officers and brothers to derive from it a full exemplification of the "unwritten work"—the five Degrees by formal dispensation—upon Brothers N. F. MULLER, H. D. BLITZ, A. F. EMANUEL, D. A. SJOUDERMAN and M. B. FRANK.

Hoping the approval of our actions, we remain, once more,  
Sincerely yours,

F. S. OSTHEIM,  
*Special Deputy Grand Sire.*

The following is a translation of the document issued by the authorities of the Netherlands:

No. 3071. Burgomaster and Magistrate of Amsterdam.

Having seen a petition dated 17th of February ultimo, presented through J. WIENER and M. OYSTERMAN, acquainting that they wished to establish in this community a branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, which shall meet from time to time and asking permission to hold said meetings; and having examined the conditions of the Association, the applicants are notified:

That there is no objection against the holding of meetings, so long as nothing is done in violation of the law of April 22, 1855, to regulate and limit the exercising of the law of associations and conventions (State Courant, No. 32).

A copy of this permission will be given to the Chief Commissary of Police.  
Burgomaster and Magistrate aforesigned.

DRIESDEN, *Magistrate.*  
DE NEWFOILLE, *Secretary.*

AMSTERDAM, March 16, 1877.

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, R. W. G. L. U. S.,  
PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 10, 1877.

F. S. OSTHEIM, Esq.,

*Special Deputy Grand Sire for the Netherlands.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your very acceptable letter of March 20, conveying the gratifying intelligence of the successful institution of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, on the 19th of March, and the introduction of the Order into Holland, was duly received. And I beg you will accept our congratulations for the untiring zeal you have exhibited in overcoming the many obstacles which seemed for a time to foreshadow a failure of the desired enterprise.

The very promising beginning you made in the initiation of seventeen candidates on the first evening, gives the most flattering assurances of a prosperous and successful future to the young Lodge, and in the new country.

Your agency in the successful establishment of the Order in Germany, Switzerland, and now in the kingdom of the Netherlands, will give you a place on the roll of honor with WILDEY, RIDGELY, MORSE and WOLLHEIM, as benefactors of their race.

I hope you may find it convenient, as I feel assured it will be your pleasure, to give them that oversight and counsel which their inexperience will doubtless require. The delay which our persevering and patient petitioners were subjected to may result in their favor. They have not only met and overcome all objections, but have secured the sanction and favor of the public authorities, which will tend greatly to allay the prejudices that too often arise with a people unacquainted with the object and purpose of a new organization. I shall take an occasion to write them a congratulatory letter, and hope to have the pleasure of hearing from you frequently.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. W. STOKES,  
*Grand Sire.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE G. L. U. S.

PHILADELPHIA, PA., April 22, 1877.

To the N. G., V. G., Officers and Members of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, Holland.

DEAR SIRS AND BRETHREN:—Having received the official report of Special Deputy Grand Sire F. S. OSTHEIM, of the institution of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, on the 19th of March last, and confirmed by your letter of March 31, to Bro. RIDGELY, through whose kindness I had the pleasure of its perusal, I cannot make the mistake that I did in my letter of January 6, in assuming that you are now really an organized Lodge of Odd Fellows, and beg you will accept my congratulations at the result.

I cannot commend too highly the zeal, patience and perseverance that you have exhibited in your undertaking, which, I am most happy to learn, has at last been crowned with success, and extend to you a cordial and fraternal welcome into the family of our great Brotherhood, now numbering nearly half a million of members, whose prayers and sympathies will be with you in your efforts to introduce, build up and successfully establish American Odd Fellowship in the Netherlands, and thus add another country to the list of those whose people have welcomed and encouraged its existence amongst them.

We were exceedingly gratified to know that you had satisfied the public authorities of your government that the object and purposes of the organization were entirely proper, and that its consent had been cheerfully given to institute your Lodge, and I need hardly advert to the importance of maintaining that position. Fidelity to the laws of your country, gratitude to God, and love for your fellow-men is the foundation upon which, as we believe, rests the grandest moral and benevolent institution of the age. To visit the sick, relieve the distressed, bury the dead and educate the orphan, is the great command of our laws, and no man or set of men, whatever may be their standing or position, need be ashamed of engaging in such a noble work.

The past history of the Order will furnish abundant proof if it was needed, that its sympathies go out in prompt and liberal relief to their unfortunate and afflicted brethren, their widows and orphans.

Brethren, you must bear in mind that with and amongst your people Odd Fellowship is a new, and until they become familiar with its mission, will be regarded as a novel institution, and its success will depend very much upon the first impression that is made. The utmost care and circumspection should therefore be observed in all your transactions; doing nothing that will in the least tend to hinder or retard the great work that the confidence of your brethren has placed in your keeping. Feeling assured after an experience of over half a century in our own country, of its capacity for doing good which has been so thoroughly exemplified in its work, a universal desire has grown up to disseminate its principles and extend its benefits throughout the civilized world, and we shall watch with anxious solicitude your efforts to gain the confidence and approval of your countrymen, and shall take the greatest pleasure in rendering all the aid in our power to enable you to accomplish it.

Relying upon the assurances which our Special Deputy Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of the Netherlands has given us of the continued interest he will take in your future welfare, we shall not entertain a doubt of your ultimate success.

Yours, very respectfully,

J. W. STOKES,

*Grand Sire.*

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40A KING WILLIAM STREET, LONDON BRIDGE,  
LONDON, E. C., March 14, 1877.

JOHN W. STOKES, Esq.,

*M. W. G. S. of the I. O. O. F., America, Philadelphia.*

DEAR SIR AND ESTEEMED BROTHER:—I am indebted to some thoughtful

member of the I. O. O. F., for a copy of the Grand Representatives' Report of that illustrious Body for 1876, for which I am very grateful. In a perusal of it, I find the report of the Special Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. ROBERT H. MORRISON, in connection with the establishment of the "Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1," in this city; and the success which had attended his efforts to plant the nucleus of so distinguished an association in Great Britain, and which, according to the report in question, was all that could be desired, and that he left everything in a most promising and flourishing condition on his departure to his adopted country, etc., etc. Now, as I had the honor of being duly initiated into the mysteries and beauties of "*Odd Fellowship*" by Bro. MORRISON, who, on the interesting occasion under notice, passed two other initiates and myself through the whole five Degrees, of which I "*Your Quarterly Meetings remember always,*" I must confess that I was very considerably impressed with the solemnity of the proceedings, and the grandeur of the language used, and believed that the young Lodge then planted would soon grow into a strong, healthy tree, so that several cuttings might be taken from the parent trunk to plant in other parts of the country. I believe, also, that this was the unanimous feeling of those who joined the "Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1." These pleasurable anticipations have not been realized, from the fact, as we believe, that faith has not been kept with the promise made on behalf of the Grand Lodge of the United States by Bro. MORRISON, who, on the occasion of my initiation, stated that it was the intention of the Grand Lodge to present to the "Thomas Wildey Lodge," in consideration of its being the first Lodge established in England, a full set of *furniture* and *regalia* for the Lodge. This promise was received by the members present with unmixed feelings of gratification, as it was believed that the courtesy thus extended from the parent Lodge to its youngest offspring would always be remembered with pride, and cause us to use every exertion to propagate Odd Fellowship in England. The promise then made, I much regret to say, has never been kept, and as a consequence the *I. O. O. F.*, so far as London is concerned, is as good as a dead letter, and will, I fear, soon be quite forgotten. Under these circumstances it occurred to me, on reading the report alluded to, that perhaps you would have the goodness to cause some inquiries to be made into the matter, so that the unsatisfactory position which we occupy may be explained, and the reason why faith was not kept with us made clear. I write this letter entirely on my own responsibility, and without any communication from the other members of the "Thomas Wildey Lodge," and do so because I should like to know the cause of our disappointment. Meantime, anticipating the pleasure of an early reply,

I am yours, faithfully and fraternally,

ARCH. FAIRLIE.

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I. O. O. F.  
OFFICE M. W. GRAND SIRE,  
PHILADELPHIA, April 5, 1877.

ARCHIBALD FAIRLIE, ESQ.,

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your very acceptable letter of March 14, has been received, giving us information that we much needed, and at the same time affording us an opportunity to furnish you with such evidence upon the subject of your communication, as will, I trust, serve to disabuse your minds of the idea that Bro. MORRISON's promises have not been kept in good faith.

As you speak of having the Journal of Proceedings of the last Annual Session (1876) G. L. U. S., I beg to refer you to the letters (though you have doubtless seen them) of Bros. RIDGELY and Ross, to be found on pages 6884-5-6-7-8, and particularly to those of the Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Ross, to Bro. JAMES TERRY, bearing dates of March 30 and June 23, 1876, on pages 6886 and 6888. An examination of these will satisfy you fully that the goods were shipped and that Bro. TERRY was twice advised of the fact. I have indubitable evidence that the regalia (the bill for which, amounting to \$299.05, was paid) was fur-

nished and shipped by the firm of Sisco Bros., Baltimore, as stated by Bro. Ress in his letter, and although there was, from some cause, a little more delay on our part than was pleasant, I submit that the brothers in London, after the reception of Bro. RIDGELY's letter of congratulation, could not for a moment reasonably suppose that any other than the utmost good faith was intended, and, as I hope I have successfully shown you, also carried out to the letter. But does it not look, from the facts herewith presented, that some of our London brothers have been a little negligent? You have doubtless seen Bro. TERRY many times since he was advised of the shipment of these goods, one year ago, and yet I infer, from the tenor of your letter, that he has never made you aware of his having received such information. You can hardly imagine the anxiety this matter has caused the R. W. Grand Secretary, and I regret exceedingly that I am brought, by the short investigation I have made, to the conclusion that the brothers in London have not been as vigilant as they perhaps might have been, nor done all that could have been done in looking up these goods.

But it is fruitless now to dwell upon the past; let us rather look with hope to the future. I only refer to the matter in order that your especial attention, as a business man, may be called to the facts in the case. The goods, as we are advised, have been in your city for a year, and I ask that you will assist us in the investigation, and also encourage the brothers to take hold of the work in good earnest.

Odd Fellowship has been such a grand success in this country, as well as in Canada, Polynesia, Australia, Germany, Switzerland and South America, that I do not wonder that Bro. MORRISON, who has seen so much of its wonderful results, felt a deep interest in having it successfully established in his native land. This effort may fail from some cause at present unknown to us, but the final accomplishment of our work will be gloriously achieved some how, and I think, from the sentiments and spirit which pervade your letter (for it has the genuine ring of the pure metal), that you will have a hand in that accomplishment.

I shall hope to hear from you frequently, and I assure you that everything in our power will be done to strengthen your hands. You will doubtless discover from an examination of the Journal, that we have a live institution, and that it takes live and earnest men to run it.

Our R. W. Grand Marshal, Bro. JOHN W. SMITH, is now in Europe and has already spent a few days in London, and has had an interview with Bro. TERRY. He is now on the continent and will return to London in May. He has been commissioned as a Special Deputy, to give you all the information, in relation to the Order, that you may need, and will be furnished by us with all the data we have upon the subject. I should like you to make his acquaintance, and will take the liberty of sending him a letter of introduction.

Yours, very respectfully,  
J. W. STOKES,  
*Grand Sire.*

40A KING WILLIAM STREET, LONDON BRIDGE,  
LONDON, E. C., May 2, 1877.

JOHN W. STOKES, Esq.,

*M. W. G. S. of the I. O. O. F. of the United States, Philadelphia.*

MY DEAR AND BROTHERLY SIR:—I had the pleasure to receive in due course your very esteemed letter of the 5th ult., in reply to mine of the 14th March last, in which as a private member of the *I. O. O. F.*, I considered it necessary to call your Most Worshipful attention to what I conceived to be a breach of faith indirectly on the part of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and indirectly of the Special Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. R. H. MORRISON, of Sturgis, Michigan, in connection with certain promises which were made by that gentleman on the occasion of the inauguration of the first Lodge of the American form of Odd Fellowship in this country. Most pleased am I

to find that so far as the Grand Lodge is concerned, no other idea permeated that august body than that every possible encouragement should be given to the "*Thomas Wildey Lodge*," in order that it might develope into a strong and healthy organization, to the end that the principles of Odd Fellowship, as understood in America, in the diffusion of Brotherly Love, Friendship and Charity, should be extended throughout the confines of Great Britain, so that the relationship which already exists between us, as Anglo Saxons, may be drawn closer together for our mutual good.

I do not know how far the Brotherhood on this side of the "pond" can be charged with "*lukewarmness*" in the matter of the unsatisfactory position occupied by them at the present moment in connection with the establishment on a firm basis of the *I. O. O. F.* in this city. But this much I do know, that the brethren whom I at very rare intervals run against in this "*Modern Babylon*," stated plainly that they felt that they were not being treated with that consideration by the Grand Lodge which they were led to expect in conformity with the promises made to them by Bro. MORRISON, more especially when recollecting that the promises so made was the spontaneous act of the gentleman in question, and quite unsolicited. The disappointment felt and expressed was not lessened when it became known that no tidings—good, bad or indifferent—could be obtained relative to the regalia, etc., which it was supposed had been sent as a present from the Grand Lodge for the acceptance of the young bantling of a Lodge here. Had no promises been made, I opine things would have gone better. However, as what is done is done, and cannot be undone, I quite agree with you that it is no use contemplating the past, but rather to look hopefully forward in order to build up a solid superstructure of Odd Fellowship in this country for the good of society generally.

I enclose a letter received a few days ago from our Noble Grand, Bro. JAMES TERRY, in reply to one I had written, asking him to favor me with a call here in order that I might show him the correspondence that has passed between us respecting the missing regalia, etc. By Bro. TERRY's letter, I am put in possession of the pleasing and gratifying information that at length there was a possibility of receiving the missing packages, which it would appear have been deposited in some unknown place in London for over twelve months, but where, it has been impossible to find out. At all events, as "all's well that ends well," it is to be hoped that the finding of the regalia, etc., so generously presented from the Grand Lodge to that of the "*Thomas Wildey*," will open a new era of usefulness in the development of Odd Fellowship in the British Islands. I have'nt seen Bro. TERRY for over a year, our avocations being different, and our places of business being far apart there is no possibility of our meeting, unless it is done accidentally. You will therefore not be surprised to learn that I was quite ignorant of the tenor of the correspondence which had passed between him and your R. W. Grand Secretary about the missing packages until running against our treasurer, Bro. JOHN NEWTON, on the 1st inst., who was so good as to lend me a copy of the proceedings of the Ffty-second Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, etc., in which my attention was directed to the letter which had passed between our N. G. and your R. W. Grand Secretary in reference to that which at one time looked as if it would eventuate disastrously for the establishment of Odd Fellowship in England. From this you will perceive that I was unable to comprehend your allusions to the correspondence on pages 684-5-6-7 and 8, as the pamphlet from which I had the pleasure of writing to you in the first instance, was the Grand Representatives' Report for 1876, which does not contain the information you were good enough to direct my attention to.

The genial tone and friendly spirit which pervades your letter, fills me with much gratification. With you, I hope that when the little "*contretemps*" which called forth this correspondence has been satisfactorily settled, and all cause for any heart-burning dissipated, that a better and more fraternal feeling will animate the brethren on either side of the Atlantic to the end that the principles of Odd

Fellowship may flourish to the fullest extent, not only in the broad British Empire but throughout the world.

It will afford me much pleasure to meet the gentleman (Bro. Smith) mentioned in your letter, and trust that he will favor me with a call here on his return to London from the continent.

I may say that we are sadly in want of some instruction to make us "au fait" in the working of the Lodge. The tuition which I received was certainly of the most limited description, consequently I have a very strong desire to extend my knowledge in this direction. Meantime, anticipating again the felicity of soon receiving a letter from you, I am, with fraternal regards,

Yours, very faithfully,

ARCH. FAIRLIE.

P. S. I would feel obliged (if not asking too great a favor) if you would be so good as to send me a paper now and then, bearing upon the institution of Odd Fellowship.

A. F.

OFFICE No. 4, FREEMASONS' HALL,  
LONDON, W. C., 28 April, 1877.

A. FAIRLIE, Esq.,

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—I am exceedingly sorry I have not been able to call upon you at the times and days stated, owing to the many duties to be performed here, nor do I see my way to do so until after the 18th of next month.

I have, this morning, received intelligence of the missing regalia, &c., and will try and convene a meeting to decide as to what course shall be adopted in reference to the movement.

I sincerely trust that you are well and that I may have the pleasure of seeing you soon.

Yours, very truly and sincerely,

J. TERRY.

LONDON, 24th July, 1877.

HON. JOHN W. STOKES,

*M. W. Grand Sire:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—As you are aware, I arrived here in March last, and, in pursuance of the duties assigned me by you, as Special Deputy, I availed myself of the earliest opportunity to inform myself as to the condition of the Order here.

I found, on inquiry, that there had been but two meetings of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, since its organization.

The membership have never had a permanent place of meeting, nor anything in their possession in the way of regalia, paraphernalia or furniture suitable for a Lodge. The majority of the brothers who had embarked in the enterprise, had, for reasons explained by them, viz.: the misunderstanding in regard to the regalia, become discouraged and some of them had lapsed into indifference.

I was sorry to find that, after so long a sleep, the breath of life had nearly died out of the enterprise, and I at once saw that they were in neither mood nor condition, at that time, for a proper reconstruction.

All of the members were more or less under the impression, when I first met them, that the promises made on behalf of the G. L. U. S. by Bro. MORRISON, Special D. G. S., at the institution of the Lodge, had not been verified by that Body, and Bro. TERRY, the Noble Grand, complained most bitterly of the want of good faith on the part of the American brothers, in that they had failed to carry out the assurances made by that officer.

Finding also another misfortune in the death, meanwhile, of their Secretary, I was satisfied that further effort at that time would be fruitless.

When I returned from the continent in June, I was met with more kindness and cordiality. The regalia, books and other property necessary for the proper

furnishing of a Lodge, had, during the interval, been received from America, in good order, having, for some unaccountable reason, lain in the warehouse of the steamship company, in London, for many months.

I commenced at once to call upon the brothers individually, and found some of them averse to a revival, but was much encouraged to see that I had the hearty co-operation of others. In this connection, I wish particularly to name, as those most interested in the matter, and from whom I received nothing but brotherly kindness and consideration: Bros. FAIRLIE, MORRELL, NEWTON, SWALLOW and CUSANS. These good brothers, all gentlemen of intelligence and irreproachable character, are ready and willing to push on the good work. .

The N. G. constantly declares that he has no time to devote to the matter. Early in June, he called a meeting of the members at the house of Bro. HILL, in a distant part of the city, at which there were eight brothers present.

Bro. CUSANS was informally requested to endeavor to secure rooms for Lodge meetings, and further action was suspended until his report could be received.

I soon afterwards left for Scotland, where I remained two weeks. On my return, I resumed my call upon the members, and was fraternally received. They gave me the very cheering intelligence that the Anglo-California Bank (of which institution Bro. CUSANS is Secretary) had most generously consented to allow the Lodge the use of two rooms over their bank, for its meetings, free of charge.

The location is an eminently desirable one, being in Angels' Court, Throckmorton street, near the Bank of England.

The N. G. called another meeting for July 20, at 8 P. M., at the house of Bro. HILL. I was, by request, there at the time appointed, and found but four brothers present. The reasons assigned for this small attendance were the absence of some of the members from town, sickness in the families of others, and others on account of the hour of meeting and the great distance of the place from their homes.

The N. G. was not present, and he did not apprise the meeting of the cause of his absence. Of course no business could be transacted under the circumstances, and so the matter stands at this writing.

I am assured, however, by some of the members, that so soon as the holiday season is over, and the members have returned to their homes, and the rooms are furnished and the evenings have grown longer, that a new N. G. and Secretary will be chosen, and the work will go on in earnest. So far as I am able to judge, and I have the utmost confidence in the brothers making this promise, such will be the case.

I very much regret that I shall be unable, in the brief time that I can now remain here, to bring the matter to so desirable a consummation, but, after long continued effort, I find no alternative.

I would most earnestly recommend that F. S OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, a brother who, by reason of his eminent capacity, elevation in the Order, and his sterling integrity, is most admirably fitted for the duties of the position, be at once appointed Special Deputy Grand Sire for England.

Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

J. W. SMITH,  
*Special Commissioner.*

I. O. O. F.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 6, 1877.

JOHN W. STOKES,

*M. W Grand Sire U. L. U. S., Philadelphia, Pa.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—When I last saw you we spoke of the probability of soon establishing Lodges of our Order in Asia. As the experiments in other foreign countries have met with such marked success, I believe it to be the proper policy of the G. L. U. S. to obtain a foothold if possible, in China and Japan. Entertaining these views, I was pleased to learn the fact that P.

D. Grand Master O. N. DENNY, of Portland, Oregon, had been appointed by the government, Consul to Tsin, China.

Tsin is, I understand, a city containing many European and American inhabitants, and in which a Lodge may probably be successfully established, and from which place efforts may be made to effect the spread of our Order to other places both in China and to Japan. And with the view of ascertaining whether Bro. DENNY was favorable to the work, I have taken the liberty to address him on the subject, and have received his answer, showing his hearty willingness to do all in his power to forward the enterprise. A copy of my note and one of the answer thereto by Bro. DENNY, are herewith transmitted, to the end that you may take such action in the matter as you may deem proper, and I sincerely hope that both you and the G. L. U. S. at the coming session, will favor the establishing of Lodges of our Order in the countries named.

Bro. DENNY has the reputation of being a gentleman of high standing, a devoted Odd Fellow, fully competent, and possessing considerable familiarity with the secret work, and in anticipation of a possible call to the service of our Order, he is spending such portion of his time, during a brief stay in this city, as he can spare, with the Deputy Grand Sire in acquiring a more perfect knowledge thereof.

The Order in the Pacific States will take a lively interest in the spread of our principles westerly beyond the seas, and I bespeak your friendly action in the premises.

Fraternally yours,  
NATHAN PORTER.

SAN FRANCISCO, July 31st, 1877

HON. O. N. DENNY,  
PALACE HOTEL.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Learning that you are soon to depart hence as Consul for the United States to Tien Tsin, in China, I venture to enquire whether it would be in consonance with your wishes to accept a commission from the G. L. U. S. if that body shall so desire to open Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in China, during your residence there, should opportunity offer.

I enquire with a view of making your answer known, if it shall be favorable, to the proper authorities of the Order. Knowing your high standing therein, and your zeal in the maintenance of its exalted principles, it is my intention to recommend to the G. L. U. S. that you be invited to accept such commission.

If you think favorably of the proposition, I will thank you to inform me as to what Lodge and Encampment you are at present a member, when you expect to reach your place of destination, in what place in China you propose to remain, and in what, if any cities in said country you deem it advisable to attempt the establishment of our Order.

I am very respectfully and fraternally yours,  
NATHAN PORTER.

PALACE HOTEL,  
SAN FRANCISCO, August 4, 1877.

HON. NATHAN PORTER,  
*San Francisco, California:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Your communication of the 31st instant, relative to my departure as United States Consul at Tien Tsin, China, and also inquiring as to whether it would be in consonance with my wishes to accept a commission from the R. W. G. L. U. S., if it should meet with the approval of that Honorable Body, to open Lodges of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in that Empire, is this day received. In answer, permit me to thank you for the compliment contained in it, and say to you that I will not only do all in my power to establish our Order in China, but in any other country on earth, where opportunity may offer.

Should the proposition be favorably considered by the R. W. G. L., you will please transmit to me, papers, books and documents, including *secret work* necessary to that end. I am a member of Hasselon Lodge, No. 15, at Portland, Oregon, and hold a withdrawal card from Ellison Encampment at the same place; this card was granted about the 10th of July last. Having never visited China, I cannot inform you as to those cities in which the establishment of the Order would be deemed most advisable, but from what knowledge I have, would suggest those of Hong Kong and Shanghai. I am of the opinion that the field would be even better in Japan than in China. With best wishes for your prosperity, as well as that of our cherished Order,

I am fraternally yours,

O. N. DENNY.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the report was referred to a special committee for the purpose of distributing the several subjects therein referred to, to appropriate committees.

The Chair named Bros. NICHOLSON, STUART and DURHAM, P. G. Sires, as the committee.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary submitted his annual report, as follows :

#### REPORT OF GRAND SECRETARY.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary respectfully submits his annual report. The following summary of duties to be performed by him during the recess, it is believed, comprises the several orders of the Grand Lodge on the subject :—

1. The increase in the membership of the Grand Lodge has rendered necessary more desks and chairs. One hundred and forty-six Representatives are accredited to this session, who, with the Officers and Past Grand Sires, will require about 162 desks and chairs. The inventory taken December, 1873, exhibited 126 desks and 124 chairs. I therefore respectfully recommend a suitable appropriation for the purchase of additional ones, and for the necessary repair of those now in possession of the Grand Lodge.—*Grand Secretary's Report*, p. 6804.

2. *Resolved*, That the committee charged with the arrangements for the re-union be requested to furnish this Grand Lodge with a copy of the important proceedings had by them in connection with the re-union, including the various addresses delivered, copies of the poems read, and that the same be made a part of the records of this R. W. Body.

3. *Resolved*, That a Charter be granted to Harmony Lodge, No. 3, at Honolulu, Hawaiian Islands, instituted under a warrant from the M. W. Grand Sire.

4. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary cause the necessary corrections to be made in the papers accompanying the application for a Charter for Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Peru, S. A., and that a Charter be granted to said Lodge.

5. The Committee on Petitions, to whom were referred the papers in the following cases of applications for Charters for Subordinate Encampments, to wit :

Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, at Valparaiso, Republic of Chile, South America,

Halifax Encampment, No. 12, at Halifax, Nova Scotia,

Centennial Encampment, No. 3, at Santa Fe, New Mexico,

Idaho Encampment, No. 1, at Boise City, Idaho,

Golden Star Encampment, No. 2, at Deer Lodge, Montana;

Also, papers in the following cases of applications for Charters for Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

Coquimbo Lodge, No. 6, at Coquimbo, Chile, South America,

Seattle Lodge, No. 7, at Seattle, Washington Territory,

Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, Province of Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands,

Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, at Callao, Republic of Peru, South America;

Would respectfully report that in each of said cases a Warrant has been issued, and (except Paradise Lodge, No. 1, and Chalaco Lodge, No. 4,) the Lodge or Encampment has been instituted. We would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire in issuing the Warrants is approved, and that a Charter be granted to each of said Encampments and Lodges.

6. *Resolved*, That Charters be granted to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, England, instituted under Warrants from the M. W. Grand Sire.

7. *Resolved*, That a detailed report of the parade and ceremonies connected with "The Odd Fellows' Day," in the city of Philadelphia, on Wednesday, September 20, including the addresses delivered on the occasion, be appended to the printed Journal of this session; whereby the memory of one of the grandest days in Odd Fellowship and of the Centennial year can be appropriately preserved and transmitted to future generations of members of the Order.

8. *Resolved*, That the great good likely to result from the introduction of the Order into the Netherlands, demands that the translation of the Ritual into the Holland language be made at the earliest possible moment, and we recommend that the R. W. Grand Lodge make the necessary provision to carry it into effect. We recommend the approval of the efforts of our R. W. Grand Secretary to cultivate friendly and fraternal relations with kindred organizations whose objects are the "fraternization of mankind, and the practice of brotherly love and charity," and that he be directed to furnish to the "Supreme Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias," copies of the revised Journal, up to and including the present session.—*Committee on Correspondence*, p. 6976.

9. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge heartily approve the acts of comity hitherto exercised by the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, in relation to the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows, and other kindred institutions, and that he be requested to pursue, in the future, the same wise policy in correspondence and exchange of documents with them, that he has pursued in the past.—*Committee on Foreign Relations*, p. 7026.

10. *Resolved*, That the Grand Officers be, and they are hereby authorized and directed to make a selection of one of the three Spanish translations of our Ritual, now in the possession of the Grand Secretary, in conformity with the action of this R. W. Body, page 6707, Journal, 1875, and at as early a day as possible, have the same printed and bound in the manner such work has heretofore been executed; the price to be the same as for books of the same character.

11. *Resolved*, That Past Grand Sire LOGAN be requested to sit for his portrait, and that the same, when finished, be placed in the Grand Lodge Hall, with those of the eminent brothers who preceded him.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be authorized to expend, out of the funds of this Grand Lodge, an amount sufficient to cover the expense of the portrait of Bro. LOGAN.—*Journal of 1875*, p. 6586.

12. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge desires to place on record its high ap-

preciation and admiration of the excellent discourse delivered before this Grand Body, by Rev EDWARD A. FOGGO, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, Sunday, September, 17, 1876.

*Resolved*, That the admirable conception and conscientious statement of the spirit and scope of Odd Fellowship, and the broad catholicity and exalted Christian charity which pervaded such discourse, are a just tribute, not only to the virtues of our Order, but also to the sound judgment, ripe culture, rare candor, and freedom from bigotry which characterize its eminent author.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge respectfully requests a copy of such discourse for publication in the Revised Journal.

13. *Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Body, be and are hereby tendered to GEORGE W. CHILDS, publisher of the Philadelphia Ledger, for daily copies of that paper, furnished gratuitously to the officers and members of this Grand Lodge.

14. WHEREAS, Past Grand Sire M. J. DURHAM, has presided over this Grand Lodge with distinguished ability and courtesy, and has discharged the varied duties of his high office in a manner, not only reflecting honor upon the Order at large, but also has won the admiration of and endeared him to the hearts of his compeers in this Body; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and are hereby tendered to P. G. Sire M. J. DURHAM for the able, impartial, and faithful service he has given the Order during his term as M. W. G. Sire.

15. *Resolved*, That P. G. Sire DURHAM be requested to sit for his portrait, that it may be added to those of his illustrious predecessors that now adorn the Hall of the Grand Lodge.

16. *Resolved*. That the R. W. G. Secretary be authorized to expend out of the funds of the Grand Lodge an amount sufficient to carry the foregoing into effect.

17. *Resolved*. That the thanks of this R. W. Grand Lodge be returned to Bro. J. B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, and the committee appointed for the arrangement of the ceremonies of the Order in this Centennial year, for the admirable programme adopted, and the efficient manner in which the same has been carried out.

*Resolved*, That a copy of these resolutions be forwarded by the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire.

18. *Resolved*, That it would have been a source of sincere gratification to this Grand Lodge to have welcomed, at the present session, an official delegate from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and we regret that circumstances have deprived us of that pleasure, and we trust, at our next session, to greet, in fraternal intercourse, a representative from our cherished sister jurisdiction.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary be requested to reciprocate, as he is so eminently qualified to do, the congratulations and kindly expressions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

19. WHEREAS, The city of Savannah, Georgia, is now deeply afflicted by a visitation of yellow fever, and the more favored sections of the country are making contributions for the relief of the sufferers;

AND WHEREAS, The Order in that city must be greatly afflicted, distressed and in need of the aid and sympathy of their brethren throughout the land, therefore,

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge extends to our brethren in Savannah, and to their fellow citizens its profound sympathy for them in this affliction, and prays that health may be speedily restored to them.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge earnestly requests the several State jurisdictions to make such contributions for the relief of their suffering brethren in Savannah as may be needed from time to time.

*Resolved*, That a copy of this preamble and resolutions be, by the Grand Secretary, forwarded to our brethren in Savannah, and to the several State jurisdictions.

20. *Resolved*, That upon the institution of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, it is the duty of the R. W. Grand Secretary to immediately transmit to the proper officers of such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, the charter and property in the possession of this R. W. Grand Lodge, of all defunct or suspended subordinate Lodges or Encampments embraced within the territory of their respective jurisdictions.

21. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, is hereby authorized to have printed such number of copies of the Index to volumes six, seven and eight of the proceedings of this Grand Lodge as in his opinion may be deemed requisite, and that said Index be disposed of by him to Past Grand Representatives and others at 25 per centum, above net cost.

22. *Resolved*. That permission is hereby granted to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Republic of Switzerland, to print visiting and withdrawal cards in German, but only on the backs of the cards furnished by and purchased of this Grand Lodge, in the same manner and form as the Grand Lodge of the German Empire is authorized to do.

23. *Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Lodge possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities. Furthermore, be it resolved, that the foregoing resolution be considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-third* vote of this Grand Lodge.

24. Would it not be the part of wisdom, and good financing to be very careful and discreet as to the manner of our donations and appropriations? And should we not, while still our finances hold out, make due effort in some direction, not only to restore what has been already drawn from our surplus, but to increase the same to a healthy amount? How shall this be done is a matter for grave consideration and deliberation. A saving, at least, might be made in the matter of printing. For instance, the printed matter attached to the report of the Grand Secretary occupies a space of sixty-one pages. We cast no reflections upon our venerable brother, the Grand Secretary, in this connection, but the question comes to us, is this printing necessary? If not, why not cut it off? The matter of representation enters more largely than any other into the expenses of this Body.—*Committee on Finance*, p. 7027.

25. *Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed to exact and enforce, in the future, an undeviating compliance with Article 1750 of the Digest of the G. L. U. S., which requires "cash payments for all orders from State Grand Lodges and State Grand Encampments, for books, odes, diplomas, cards, &c.," and that he permit, in no case, orders for supplies to be filled, unless such orders are accompanied by the cash.

26: *Resolved*, That at the next and all subsequent sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, the law pertaining to the delinquency of sub-Grand Jurisdictions and subordinates directly reporting to this Grand Lodge, be enforced to its full extent.

27. WHEREAS, The representative tax of the jurisdictions of Utah and Wyoming has been paid, and the Representatives of these distant Grand Lodges are not allowed mileage and per diem; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the representative tax be and is hereby remitted to the Grand Lodges of Utah and Wyoming; and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to draw warrants for the respective amounts on the Grand Treasurer.

28. Inasmuch as this Grand Lodge is exempt from the payment of mileage and per diem to the Representative from "The Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the Republic of Chile," the latter should not be required to pay any representative tax. Therefore, the \$76 should be refunded to the said Grand Lodge of the Republic of Chile.—*Judiciary Committee*, p. 7058.

29. *Resolved*, That all foreign Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, report-

ing directly to the Grand Lodge of the U. S., having percentage to pay to this Grand Lodge on their receipts, must follow the annexed plan, viz.: convert the amount of such percentage into its equivalent in the currency of the United States, passing at par in Baltimore, Md., at the time of payment, and transmit it or foreign exchange that will produce it, to the proper officer.

30. *Resolved*, That any settlement heretofore made with the Lodges in Chile not in accordance with the foregoing, must be corrected, and money returned, or required, as the case may be.

31. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post office address of the several officers and members of this Grand Body the balance of the Daily Journal of this session that may be due them.

32. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause ten copies of the Revised Journal to be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution.

33. *Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding Secretary be and he is hereby directed to present to each Grand Representative who has not already received the same, one copy of the bound Revised Journal, Digest, and Book of Forms.

The special matter of duty designated number one, relating to a sufficient supply of desks and chairs for Grand Representatives, was referred to the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, with power. In the discharge of this duty, the committee, after a conference, agreed, with a view to consult as far as practicable the interest of the Grand Lodge, to advertise among the membership of the Order for bids for the contract. Accordingly, notice to that effect was set up in the Odd Fellows' Hall, city of Baltimore, inviting bids from cabinet makers of the city. Special letters of a like character were addressed to the principal cabinet makers. A considerable number of bids were received, and the contract was awarded to Messrs. HARRINGTON & MILLS, as the lowest reliable bidders, for the sum of \$486, for thirty-six desks and chairs, that being the number required. The old desks and chairs belonging to the Grand Lodge of the United States, having been made many years ago, required some repairs, which the committee caused to be done at a slight expense. This property now consists of 162 desks and 160 chairs, insured against fire, which is carefully stored in Odd Fellows' Hall during the recess. It is now in good condition, and requires the special attention of the Grand Lodge to keep it so. The undersigned recommends that a new Standing Committee shall be appointed, to be called the Committee on the Property of the Grand Lodge, who shall be specially charged with the proper preservation and protection of all the property of the Grand Lodge, other than supplies.

In obedience to resolution number two, the Chairman of the Committee on the Re-union of P. G. Reps., Bro. FRED. D. STUART, P. G. Sire, was invited soon after the adjournment of the last session, "to furnish the Grand Lodge with a copy of the important proceedings had by the committee in connection with the elaborate demonstration made during the session, with such details as were in his judgment proper to embody the entire record of that grand event." Bro. STUART promptly responded to this request. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is indebted to that distinguished Odd Fellow for the detailed narrative, which appears in the Journal at page 7102, entitled, "History of the Re-union of P. G. Representatives and P. G. Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F." This paper comprises thirty-four pages of the Appendix, and is replete with interesting details connected with that historic occasion. The just appreciation by the Grand Lodge of this important movement by the P. G. Representatives, is not only honorable to its love and devotion to the Order, but eminently portrays its just consideration of its duty and obligations to the future of Odd Fellowship. In no way can we better serve the Order than properly to transmit its progress to those who are to follow us in its preservation and perpetuation. In this connection resolution number seven is also considered. I am indebted to Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G.

Sire, who bore so conspicuous a part in the transactions of what has been so appropriately termed, "The Odd Fellows' Day," Wednesday, September 20, 1876, Philadelphia, for the embodied account of the parade and ceremonies connected with that memorable occasion, ordered by the Grand Lodge by resolution number seven, "including the addresses delivered, to be appended to the printed Journal of this session, whereby the memory of one of the grandest days in Odd Fellowship and of the Centennial year has been appropriately preserved to future generations of the Order." This paper, prepared with admirable ability and fidelity to the facts, appears at page 7135 of the Journal, and speaks so loudly its own commendation, and the characteristic zeal and ability of its eminent author, that I forbear to utter a word of comment, other than to commend the wise and prudent forethought which ordered its preparation and perpetuation. Nothing attests in a higher degree the love and devotion of a people to their country, than their preservation of its historic annals, and their transmission to posterity. The entire record of the transactions in connection with the annual session of 1876 so abounds with honor to Odd Fellowship, with credit to the individual constituents of the great parade, and to the great occasion which it chiefly was designed to commemorate, that nothing in the history of Odd Fellowship surpasses it in interest.

The third resolution has been carried into effect.

As required by the fourth resolution, the corrections ordered to be made in the papers accompanying the application for a Charter for Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Peru, have been procured through the D. D. G. Sire of Peru.

The Charters authorized to be issued to the several Lodges and Encampments by resolutions number five and six, have been delivered, so far as special applications therefor have been received.

Upon this subject I beg to observe that the law is not generally understood. Warrants issued during the recess by the M. W. Grand Sire, for the formation of Lodges or Encampments under this immediate jurisdiction, approved and confirmed at the regular session, become *ipso facto*, the Charters of the body, and unless a desire be had on the part of Subordinates to possess a special document for ornamentation or display, no further Charter is issued. This has been the law for many years, and the practice, unless otherwise ordered, will be continued.

At the last session, as set forth in the eighth resolution, the Committee on Correspondence, with the concurrence of the Grand Lodge, approved the introduction of the Order into the Netherlands, and authorized the translation of the Lodge Ritual into the Holland tongue. No appropriation however was made to carry this legislation into effect. The Grand officers were accordingly powerless in the premises. Under these circumstances the M. W. Grand Sire and Grand Secretary within their limited authority made an effort to enlist the brethren in Amsterdam, who had applied for the Warrant for Paradise Lodge, No. 1, to co-operate in obtaining a proper translation of the work into the Holland language. A correspondence was opened with them on the subject, and with Bro. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, who had been invited to resume his commission as Special D. G. Sire for the Netherlands. The result of this effort was the voluntary assumption on the part of the Holland brethren to procure the translation at their expense, to be reimbursed by the Grand Lodge should the work be satisfactorily performed. The Grand Sire accordingly issued the proper authorization to that end, and placed the whole subject under the supervision of Special D. G. Sire F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire.

Unfortunately, notwithstanding the promise of early success in this enterprise, further difficulty delayed our progress. Bro. OSTHEIM visited Amsterdam during the past winter for the purpose of instituting the Lodge, but in consequence of the failure of the Amsterdam brethren to obtain satisfactory recognition of the Order by official authority, in his opinion, or proper information of its conformation to the laws of Holland, he suspended proceedings, and returned to his home in Elberfeld, Prussia. This second disappointment was a

very great surprise to the Grand officers, in view of the importance of the acquisition of so desirable a jurisdiction, and was also a severe blow to the zealous brethren, who had so ardently pressed the accomplishment of the object. The difficulty has more recently been considered by the Grand Sire, and definite instructions have been given by him to the Special Deputy Grand Sire to inform himself fully as to the state of the law of Holland relative to the introduction of Secret Beneficial Societies in the country, and to conform strictly to it; such being the fundamental requirement of Odd Fellowship.

Since the transmission of this instruction, Special Deputy Grand Sire OSTHEIM has received satisfactory assurance from the proper official authority in Amsterdam, that no law exists in Holland to prevent the establishment of the Order in that country, and at once instituted Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, on March 19, 1877. His official report has been duly received and acknowledged.

In conformity to the desire expressed that the Grand Corresponding Secretary "continue to cultivate friendly and fraternal relations with kindred organizations, whose objects are the fraternization of mankind," by furnishing to all such within his knowledge a copy of our Journal of the last session, it affords me pleasure to say that I have cordially carried your will in that respect into effect, and have specially and promptly obeyed the order which directed me to present to the "Supreme Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias a bound copy of the Revised Journal up to and inclusive of the last session."

I have carried into execution with great pleasure the order of the Grand Lodge contained in the ninth resolution, and am gratified to say that a corresponding reciprocity has been awakened on the part of the Manchester Unity and other kindred institutions, from which valuable printed documents have been received, which will be particularly noticed in this report.

The tenth resolution has given to this office very considerable work as well as grave responsibility. The duty, however, it is believed, has been performed with entirely satisfactory results, for which I take occasion to acknowledge myself under lasting obligations to P. G. Sire C. A. LOGAN, without whose kind and persistent aid I confess that success was extremely doubtful. The responsibility of selecting a competent person to translate our Ritual into a foreign language, of which the party charged with the duty was wholly ignorant, without the aid of any person conversant with the subject, it will be admitted was weighty, to say nothing about making a selection of the proper text out of three distinct versions from three distinct nationalities, each having peculiar idioms.

The duty directed to be performed was devolved upon the "Grand Officers," but from the necessity of the situation it fell upon this office. The term "Grand Officers" was general, including as it did all of them. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary interpreted the meaning to be the "Grand Elective Officers," and accordingly opened a correspondence with the Grand Sire, Deputy Grand Sire and Grand Treasurer, who harmonizing in opinion with him, it was agreed that the Grand Secretary should submit the three several translations of the Ritual into the Spanish language now in his possession to a competent Spanish scholar, with a view to a selection of the best translation, and to take proper steps to print the same. Accordingly, Mr. BRAINTZ MAYER, a very worthy citizen of Baltimore, an old member of the Order, and a Spanish scholar entirely competent for the work, was chosen with the unanimous consent of the committee to make the selection desired. Upon the report of this gentleman, "that no one of the translations, in his judgment, was sufficiently meritorious to justify its selection, but that out of the three texts a proper one could be constructed, and that the Chilian version alone, in his opinion, with his editorial assistance, could be made entirely satisfactory," the Corresponding Secretary was authorized to employ Mr. BRAINTZ MAYER to prepare a proper text out of the Chilian version and to supervise its printing. There being no appropriation for paying for this work, the committee was

necessarily compelled to take the responsibility of contracting for the service. This power was assumed with great reluctance, not only from the committee's want of knowledge upon the subject, but more especially on account of the delicacy of the position in which they were placed. Upon consulting Bro. MAYER as to his terms, and learning that his work was valued by him at \$500, they determined to suspend proceedings until further advised by this Grand Lodge. The work, however, having been done, its printing contracted for, and the demand for it being earnestly pressed from Chile, Peru, Florida and Texas, the committee agreed to pay \$100 each for the Charge and Degree books, or \$200 for the whole, with the understanding that they would return to the Grand Lodge, should the work done by Bro. MAYER prove satisfactory, and recommend the further payment of \$100.

These details are presented with a view to apprise the Lodge of the difficulty of the position of the committee, brought about in a good degree by the defectiveness of the legislation under which they were acting.

The contract for printing the work was awarded by the committee to Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, of New York. The text was delivered by Bro. MAYER to the Grand Secretary, February 10, 1877. It was immediately transmitted to the printer, to be printed under the supervision of Bro. MAYER, the proof to be delivered to him through this office. During the progress through the press, and in fact during the entire work of Bro. MAYER, great anxiety was experienced touching the success of this enterprise, in view of our entire ignorance and utter inability to intelligently supervise its execution.

Fortunately for the Order, in these difficult circumstances, Bro. LOGAN, P. G. Sire, who furnished the Chilian translation, and who had taken so deep an interest in the subject and so successfully founded the Order in Chile, arrived in this country, and consented, at our earnest solicitation, to review the text and to co-operate cordially with Bro. MAYER in passing it through the press.

I am happy to say that the translation has his decided and unqualified approval, and that we have his endorsement of its entire worthiness to be sent abroad as a just and fit presentation of our beautiful Ritual.

The Grand Lodge owes to Bro. LOGAN, P. G. Sire, additional obligations to the many which she has already received from him, and which she has so handsomely already acknowledged, for his eminent aid in this behalf, and which I trust she will not fail to pronounce.

To Bro. JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. R., who performed the work of printing and binding the Spanish books in a highly satisfactory manner, we are indebted for very special service in the matter of revision of proofs.

The several sums agreed by the committee to be paid for the Spanish text, and for electrotyping the work and printing an edition of 250 copies, amounting to \$620, have been paid.

Bro. LOGAN, P. G. Sire, is confident that, after the translation shall have been distributed, the increase of Lodges in Spanish countries will be great.

The Grand Secretary trusts that in future the Grand Lodge will mature more carefully its legislation authorizing translations, and devolve the duty of carrying them out upon special committees, with proper facilities to confer together.

Resolution eleven, I am happy to say, has been carried into effect. Bro. CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, P. G. Sire, having availed himself of his presence in the United States to sit for his portrait, at the request and upon the invitation of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, an excellent painting and admirable likeness of him was obtained, and now graces the walls of the Grand Lodge Hall, at Baltimore, in payment for which an order has been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer. It will be recollected that this duty was not performed heretofore, in consequence of the absence of the P. G. Sire from the United States upon public duty as Minister of the United States at the Republic of Chile.

The subject of the resolutions numbered twelve forms a part of the record of events which transpired during the late session at Philadelphia, being the dis-

course of the Rev. E. A. FOGGO, D. D., Rector of Christ Church, Philadelphia, Sunday, September 17, 1876. A copy of the resolutions adopted by the Grand Lodge on the subject was engrossed, and, accompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary respectfully requesting, in the name of the Grand Lodge, a copy of his discourse for publication in the revised Journal ordered at the last session, was sent to the author. The Rev. Mr. FOGGO promptly responded, placing the manuscript at my disposal. This excellent discourse, so felicitously described by the resolution of the Grand Lodge, accordingly appears at page 7098 of the revised Journal.

The thirteenth resolution was promptly carried out.

The fourteenth resolution likewise received the especial attention of the Grand Secretary soon after the adjournment of the session. The entire proceeding of the Grand Lodge on the subject embodying its sense of appreciation of the exalted character and personal worth of Bro. M. J. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, and of his splendid administration during his term as M. W. Grand Sire, was handsomely transcribed upon a diploma blank, and, accompanied with a letter from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in the name of the Grand Lodge, expressing its official recognition of Bro. DURHAM's eminent success as M. W. Grand Sire, and of his exemplary fidelity and devotion to the duties of his office, was transmitted to him. A suitable reply was received.

The fifteenth resolution has also been carried into effect, by the special invitation of the Grand Officers, for Bro. DURHAM to sit for his portrait. It has been received and added to those of his illustrious predecessors which now adorn the Hall of the Grand Lodge. The cost of the same the Grand Secretary has caused to be paid, as authorized by the sixteenth resolution.

I have taken great pleasure in carrying out the vote of thanks to Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, ordered in the seventeenth resolution. The words of the resolution were specially engrossed in diploma form, and transmitted to the P. G. Sire, accompanied by a letter from the Grand Secretary, as directed by the Grand Lodge. The acknowledgment of Bro. NICHOLSON was promptly received. The correspondence is now on file in this office, a copy of which is submitted.

The directions contained in the eighteenth resolution have been executed to the best of my ability; a copy of the correspondence authorized is on file and will accompany this report.

Copies in circular form of the proceeding numbered nineteen, were printed and forwarded as directed to the Brethren in Savannah, and to the several State Jurisdictions. Fortunately, the malignant disease which had prevailed abated its violence soon after the circular was issued, and the necessity for aid and sympathetic co-operation ceased to exist.

The law passed and set forth in number twenty has been obeyed in so far as applications have been received at this office, for the charters or property of defunct or suspended subordinates.

No application having as yet been made for copies of the Index to Volumes 6, 7 and 8, authorized to be printed by Resolution No. 21, the Grand Secretary has not incurred the expense authorized.

The permission granted to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, to print cards in German, on the back of the cards furnished to that jurisdiction by this office, has been made known to it, and the privilege granted has been availed of.

The twenty-third resolution is very decided in prohibiting "*donations* of any character, whether books, supplies, money, etc.," and directs that such prohibition, in the language of said resolution, shall be "a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed, except by a *two-third* vote." This salutary resolution has been incorporated among the standing resolutions of the Grand Lodge, in the Journal, where it will continue unless otherwise ordered.

The abstract from the report of the Committee on Finance, contained in number twenty-four, expresses the opinion of that committee and its recommendation upon the urgent necessity of retrenching the expenses of the Grand

Lodge. For several years the revenue has been insufficient to discharge the expenditures of the Grand Lodge, which it is extremely desirable shall be corrected. To assist in the accomplishment of this purpose, the committee recommend that a beginning be made in the matter of printing, by suppressing in the Grand Secretary's report the matter known as the Foreign Correspondence, and his report on subjects of special duties devolved upon the Grand Secretary, to be performed during the recess. The Grand Secretary, for many years past, has been indulged by the Grand Lodge in great latitude and much discretionary judgment in the matter of his report, and from time to time has shaped that important paper as his experience and sense of duty suggested, and in conformity to his opinion of the best interests of the Order. Since the introduction of the Order into foreign lands, and the general reference of special subjects of duty to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, involving large discretion and often correspondence with officials in and out of the Order, in the course of the performance of such duties, it is difficult to fully and satisfactorily explain the manner and character of the performance without presenting details, which from necessity as well as convenience is better given in print than in manuscript. But for this practice, much of valuable, historic material would have heretofore been buried in the archives. My desire has been to add to the value and interest of my Annual Report, by presenting to the Grand Lodge, in convenient form, all the internal transactions of this office, so that it might know everything that was done, whether done in the manner ordered, and whether anything done was unauthorized. Cordially co-operating in the spirit of economy sought to be inaugurated by the committee, the undersigned has printed no documents accompanying his report. These papers are submitted on file, indorsed with a short abstract of their contents. A list of the letters and answers will accompany them, which will be placed in the hands of the committee to which they may respectively be referred.

The twenty-fifth resolution has been strictly enforced by the due exaction of cash payments upon all orders for supplies. A circular addressed to the proper officers of each jurisdiction in arrears was issued, calling its attention to the law on the subject, enclosing also resolution number twenty-six, a copy of which I respectfully submit.

Resolution number twenty-seven has been carried into effect, by giving to the Grand Lodges of Utah and Wyoming, respectively, the credit authorized for Representative tax for said jurisdictions for session of 1876.

Pursuant to the order contained in the opinion of the Judiciary Committee, approved by the Grand Lodge, as recited in number twenty-eight, the Representative tax paid for the session of 1876 has been refunded to the Grand Lodge of the Republic of Chile.

The rule laid down in resolutions number twenty-nine and thirty, for the settlement of the dues of Foreign Subordinates under this immediate jurisdiction has been adhered to, as far as payments have been made or settlements have been had.

The thirty-first, thirty-second and thirty-third resolutions have been obeyed.

At page 6804, Journal, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, in his report, recommended the printing of an edition of 250 copies of Vols. V and VI each of the Revised Journal from the stereotype plates, to supply new Grand Representatives, according to the uniform custom. This recommendation was referred to the Committee on Finance. No report was made, unless the appropriation at page 7071, of \$800, for printing and binding the Journal, was intended to cover the object. The Grand Secretary has not used the appropriation for the purpose, because of its uncertainty; consequently the work has not been done. He begs, therefore, to state that the former edition of Vols. V and VI, of the Revised Journal, being exhausted, there is no supply on hand for such purpose. Previous to the last session it was the uniform practice to supply new Grand Representatives with the bound Revised Journal, Digest and Book of Forms. At the last session the following resolution was adopted:

*Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Lodge possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities. Furthermore, be it resolved, that the foregoing resolution be considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-third* vote of this Grand Lodge.—*Journal*, p. 7028.

In view of the possible conflict between the laws on this subject and the necessity of an appropriation to print a new edition of 250 copies of Vols. V and VI of the Journal, to supply new Representatives, should no conflict be declared by the Grand Lodge, I present this subject to its consideration.

#### GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE.

This correspondence relates to the affairs of the local Grand Bodies and Subordinates under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It discloses the progress during the year in each jurisdiction by the annual returns of the several Bodies, and by the accompanying explanatory letters of Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and District Deputy Grand Sires. These sources of information continue to be full and reliable, and enable the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to present a satisfactory statement of the condition of the Order in detail. I submit brief abstracts of this correspondence, according to a custom which is believed to be approved.

ALABAMA—The report of the Grand Encampment was received on the 23d of February from Bro. R. E. JONES, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following letter:

"The report for the past year is a little improvement considering our numbers, one Encampment having been instituted. When the financial pressure shall cease our Encampments will flourish; at present our people have no means to invest in anything but the actual necessities of life."

April 17th the report of the Grand Lodge reached this office, with the following from Bro. WILLIAM A. SHIELDS, R. W. Grand Secretary:

"You will observe, from the date of the report, that it has been ready some days, but owing to delay in getting reports from Rebekah Lodges has remained on hand until now. There are three Rebekah Lodges in the State, but the report only comprises two, and is also deficient from the fact that it is the first report I have had from them in three years, and the figures furnished only comprise the work of the past twelve months. I have made ample arrangements for securing a full report from all the Lodges in the State of the number who have received the Degree, and hope hereafter to be able to make a satisfactory report.

"The report of the work of the Subordinate Lodges in the State is more satisfactory than my last, and the indications are that we will continue to increase gradually but surely."

In a letter dated July 13, Bro. SHIELDS says:

"Our semi-annual reports for last term, so far as received, show an increase of membership. If the Lodges continue to prosper we will show a handsome increase in our report for this year."

ARIZONA—The report of Arizona Lodge, No. 1, located at Prescott, came to hand February 7, and exhibits an increase of four in the membership, the total number of members in good standing being thirty-five. Receipts of the year, \$564.85; expenditures for relief, \$106.

ARKANSAS—On the 29th of March the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received. Bro. PETER BRUGMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in his letter accompanying the reports, thus advised:

"They evidence upon their face but little progress compared with some other jurisdictions. We, however, find much consolation in the fact that the 'hard times' through which our country has been passing, are not without some good

results. We have embraced the opportunity for weeding and cultivating our moral and beneficial vineyard, and are beginning to feel very proud of the material of which our Order is now composed. After pruning out many awry and straggling branches, the vines have a more graceful and thrifty appearance, and we look forward to a healthier, more beautiful, as well as a more substantial and abundant growth."

AUSTRALIA—See Foreign Correspondence.

BARBADOS—See Foreign Correspondence.

BOLIVIA—See Foreign Correspondence.

BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA—The report of the Grand Lodge, exhibiting an increase of thirty-three members, was received, July 6, from Bro. JAMES D. ROBINSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, who accounts for the delay by his absence from the Province. Accompanying the report is a petition, authorized by the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, asking that the Representative tax heretofore paid, be refunded to them, and the Body released from the payment of such tax in future, until ten Subordinate Lodges are located in the Province.

Bro. J. S. DRUMMOND, D. D. G. Sire, in letter, dated May 10, transmitting application for Harmony Encampment, No. 2, at New Westminster, advises:

"Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, which was put under Oregon at my instance, is in a progressive state; they took the lead in the celebration on the 26th of April. After we get Harmony Encampment, I will recommend a petition to be joined to Oregon."

Bro. J. M. BACON, Grand Scribe of the G. E. of Oregon, informs us that Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, on the 31st of December, 1876, reported sixty-five members.

CALIFORNIA—The returns of the Grand Lodge were received June 4. Bro. W. B. LYON, R. W. Grand Secretary, furnishes, in addition to the items of information required, the following:

"Increase of Lodges 10; increase of members, 859; current expenses, \$146,483.33; relief and charity, \$149,186.66; total expenses, \$295,669.99; amount of receipts, \$436,118.45; excess of receipts over expenditures, \$140,448.46; total assets, \$1,552,555.63; average per member for expenses, \$7.25; relief, \$7.38; total average, \$14.63; average assets, \$76.85; receipts, \$21.59; average age of members, 38.10."

Bro. LYON also forwarded, early in March, a complete "Statistical Table showing the condition of the Lodges in San Francisco for the year ending December 31, 1876."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received July 2, from Bro. J. F. MILLER, R. W. Grand Scribe, and exhibits an increase of 396 in the membership.

CHILE—See Foreign Correspondence.

COLORADO—Bro. JOHN L. BELL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in forwarding the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, which reached this office February 20, thus wrote:

"I regret very much that the report of the Grand Encampment shows a decrease in membership of eleven during the year. The hard times and general stringency of money matters which have prevailed throughout the country for the last three years, reached Colorado in the early part of last year, and the Patriarchal branch of the Order commenced to feel the effect almost immediately. The reports which I receive now, however, are more cheerful, and I have great hopes of a more prosperous year."

CONNECTICUT—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 30th of January, being the second Grand Lodge report (Utah being first) to reach this office. The return of the Grand Encampment came on the 12th of February. Bro. FREDERICK BOTSFORD, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advises of the situation as follows:

"The Grand Encampment report for the whole year shows a gain of 125 members, but in fact the last six months show a loss which I deeply regret. I think there can be no question that the real cause is the fearful business depres-

sion in our manufacturing towns. I am battling against these adverse times to the best of my ability, and feel confident of victory ultimately.

"Our Subordinate Lodges are still increasing in financial strength and also in numbers, and this, too, in the face of the fact that nearly all our Lodges are raising the standard of qualifications for membership, and endeavoring to prevent the admission of any but the best material. Our present membership is 5,930, the largest in the history of the Order in this State, and should business begin to improve, I predict unbounded success. We are in good healthy condition, and all ready to catch the first favoring wind."

In a letter of June 14, he writes: "Herewith please find report of Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah. It does not balance, and cannot be made to do so from the reports received. There is only one way to get correct reports, and that is for the Grand Secretary to visit every Lodge and instruct with reference to making up the report, and also the manner of keeping the accounts. It seems to me that if it is deemed necessary to have reports, they should be made in the very simplest form, perhaps only giving present membership, amount of general fund, amount paid for relief and expenses. The lady Secretaries have no idea of balances. The Degree is gradually going out in the American Lodges, as it is impossible to mix up American ladies. In all our New England towns there are various cliques or classes of society, which cannot be overcome by any association, civil, religious or benevolent. The German Lodges are by themselves, and this matter of caste does not apply to them, so that all German Lodges are in good condition, both numerically and financially.

"Under the old system we were getting along very well. Dissensions arose at the institution of the first Lodge, and still exist to a greater or less degree in all our American Lodges. I have failed to find any benefit arising from the new system in this jurisdiction, and for reasons above stated I cannot see any prospect of better things in the future."

He also, under date of June 29, advises: "On the 2d of July I go to New Milford, one of our wealthy and beautiful country towns, to institute a new Lodge of our Order. Slowly but surely we are now extending the circle in this State. During my incumbency, we have added *thirty Lodges*—commencing with only twenty—and I have hopes of more still. Our Lodges are being very heavily drawn upon in these hard times, but *all* are in good condition financially, and the pecuniary benefits are appreciated. When the business interests of the country revive, I shall look for a great increase. Steady, persevering work, however, meets its reward even now."

#### CUBA—See Foreign Correspondence.

DAKOTA—The report of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction came to hand on the 7th of May. We are without special advices from Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, R. W. Grand Secretary. The report, however, exhibits the number of Lodges, 11; members, 315, an increase of 63 in membership during the year. Late advices are to the effect that several new Lodges would be instituted, among others, two in the "Black Hills."

The returns of Encampments Nos. 1 and 2, were received in January, and exhibit an increase of eight in the membership of No. 2, and a decrease of one in No. 1. On the 22d of June, the report of No. 3, reached this office, showing a decrease of one in membership.

Bro. RALPH R. BRIGGS, D. D. Grand Sire, under date of June 15, advises:

"Hesperian Encampment, No. 3, at Elk Point, has had difficulty in getting a quorum to attend the meetings, but I think a better time for them is coming; a new hall is about completed, which will be more commodious, and I think will have a tendency to revive the interest." Bro. C. F. MALLAHAN, acting for the Scribe, attributes the delay in sending the report to the absence of a number of the members.

DELAWARE—Bro. ISAAC W. HALLAM, R. W. Grand Secretary, in his letter of January 31, accompanying the returns of the Grand Lodge, thus advises:

"The figures will show for themselves, comment is unnecessary. The strin-

gency in industrial circles will fully explain the loss in membership; 220 having been suspended for non-payment of dues, causing a net loss of 108. This shows the dark side, but the bright largely predominates. Finances are in an excellent condition; the receipts of twenty-two Lodges are greater than their expenses; eighteen Lodges own the halls in which they meet; nine others possess largely of stock in buildings in their respective localities; the total value of invested funds being over \$80,000."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received on the 14th of June, from Bro. EDWIN HIRST, R. W. Grand Scribe, who furnished the following:

"Continued ill-health has prevented me from being as prompt in the performance of my duties as my desire would dictate. It will be seen that the membership is but slightly diminished, as compared with the previous report, which, considering the financial panic through which we have been passing, seems to be a favorable showing. During the present year we have instituted one new Encampment with over twenty members, and it seems to be in a healthy condition."

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA—Bro. THOMAS W. FOWLER, R. W. Grand Scribe, on the 5th of February transmitted the report of the Grand Encampment, with the following explanation:

"I regret exceedingly that the returns still show a gradual decrease in our membership, owing, no doubt to the extreme depression in business of all kinds. With the revival of trade, I have no doubt we will again gather under the shelter of our tents many Patriarchs who have under dire necessity been separated from us."

Bro. P. HALL SWEET, R. W. Grand Secretary, on the 7th of March, wrote as follows:

"I have the honor to send herewith the report of the Grand Lodge, for the year ending December 31, 1876, and also a *partial report* of Naomi Lodge, No. 1, Degree of Rebekah, from which you may be able to glean a few items relative to its condition, etc. It is with regret that I am not able to report any improvement in the Order here, with the exception of a new Lodge recently instituted, viz.: Federal City, No. 20, which is a valuable acquisition, and promises to be one of the most flourishing in this jurisdiction. I trust that the spirit of enterprise manifested by its members will be infused into all the Lodges here, that in my next report I shall be able to communicate an enlarged degree of prosperity and happiness."

FLORIDA—On the 11th of June, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. J. W. WHITNEY, R. W. Grand Secretary, who states:

"The Order in this State is in a prosperous and healthy condition. We have added two Lodges to our number during the year.

"I would respectfully call your attention to the proposed 'Odd Fellows' Home,' at Jacksonville. Steps have been taken, as you will perceive by the printed proceedings of our Grand Lodge session of 1877, to bring this matter before the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, and we trust we shall have your influence and co-operation in making our project a grand success, and a great benefit to the whole Order. We claim that Florida Lodge, No. 1, located at Jacksonville, has done more for the relief of sick and distressed brethren of other Lodges than any other Lodge in the United States."

The returns of Encampments No. 1, 4, and 5 were received in good season, exhibiting a gratifying increase in membership. The report from No. 2 came to hand June 8. This Encampment has not increased its membership.

Bro. L. M. MERRITT, D. D. Grand Sire, under date of January 30, furnishes the following information:

"The spirit of the Order has been faint in this State in the last year and it has taken the energies of a few faithful brothers to keep the fires burning, but I hope the South is on the eve of better times, and the Order will, by its increased numbers, show that it shares in the general prosperity."

GEORGIA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were

received on May 16, with the following remarks by Bro. JOHN G. DEITZ, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe:

"I dislike very much to forward the returns from this jurisdiction so far beyond the time for their reception, but, I assure you, it has been difficult to get them up sooner. I have had to return many subordinate reports for correction and have been delayed in getting them back."

"You will find a slight decrease in membership and an increase of one Lodge over last year. I hope for a better state of things in the future. The great scarcity of money in this section of the country, preventing many who desire to join the Order, from accomplishing their wishes, has a great deal to do with the result. We are not alone in this, as other societies are feeling the pressure to a greater extent than we are."

GERMAN EMPIRE—See Foreign Correspondence.

GREAT BRITAIN—See Foreign Correspondence.

IDAHO—The Lodges in this Territory are under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of Oregon. From the Grand Secretary of that Body we learn that the six Lodges in Idaho numbered on December 31, 1876, two hundred and fourteen members.

The report of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, instituted July 10, 1876, was received January 20, and Bro. SAMUEL BECK, D. D. Grand Sire furnishes a statement of its condition in April 1877, showing a membership of 17; receipts \$406 06. He also says: "The Encampment is getting along slow but sure, and but for the dull times and scarcity of money it would have double the membership it has at this time. As soon as the mining season is over, many brothers of other Lodges intend to join the Encampment. I have reason to think there will be two or three more Lodges instituted by next winter in Idaho Territory, and I would recommend the institution of a Grand Lodge for this Territory, as all the Lodges here are a great distance from Oregon, and a Grand Lodge would be of great benefit to the Order in Idaho, though as it is we are progressing."

ILLINOIS—The report of the Grand Lodge reached this office on April 13. Bro N. C. NASON, Grand Secretary, under date of August 15, thus advises:

"In addition to the general business depression which has affected us in common with all parts of the country, Illinois has suffered, for the last two years, from shortness of crops, amounting, in many widely extended regions, almost to an entire failure of her staple productions. The influence of this has been felt in our Lodges, not only in the diminished number of applications for admission, but in the increased number of those dropped for non-payment of dues. Nevertheless, our reports show a slight gain in membership and in receipts during the year 1876. July reports are now in from 529 of the 567 Lodges from which they were expected, and indicate that we have about held our ground since the beginning of the current year. The abundant harvests that have just been gathered, with the exceptionally heavy corn crop now maturing, cannot fail to afford general relief from the financial pressure. Our Lodges will soon feel the effect of this, in the return of those who have dropped out, not from choice or indifference, but from sheer inability to pay their dues, and in the greater frequency of new applications. What the future may have in store for us we cannot, of course, predict with certainty; but the outlook is encouraging, and the indications are that in this State we have passed the lowest point of depression."

"By the operation of the law enacted at last session the number of Rebekah Degree Lodges in this jurisdiction was reduced during the year 1876 from 71 to 44. The entire number that had been instituted was 93, so that less than half survive. The reports of these are generally in somewhat better shape than in former years, but still far from complete"

On the 20th of April the return of the Grand Encampment came from Bro. J. C. SMITH, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following:

"You will observe by the report, that while our losses are heavy our gains are more than sufficient to make them good, and we show a healthy increase."

not only in membership, but in new Subordinates. Our present purpose is to sustain the organized Bodies and make no new ones, and we are succeeding admirably, of the 177 Encampments having but two defunct."

INDIANA—Bro. B. F. FOSTER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, forwarded the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment on the 20th of May, accompanied with the following:

"The delay in sending the returns has been unavoidable, owing to the fact that many of our Lodges and Encampments failed to send in their reports within the time prescribed by our law, and being desirous of furnishing the true status of the Order I have no doubt the delay will receive your kind indulgence.

"You will see that we have suffered a small loss in membership, for the first time in many years. The loss, however, is so trifling that we shall fully recover from the same during the current year, if the present activity in our Lodges and Encampments may be taken as an indication in that direction.

"The Centennial year will be marked in the history of the Order in our jurisdiction as one of the most trying and critical through which we have ever passed. The whole country has been subjected to the severe ordeal of financial reverses and business derangements, such as but seldom occur in a single generation. A comparison of our table of statistics in both branches of the Order will show a large falling off in initiations, reinstations and admissions by card, as a consequence of this derangement, while the number dropped for non-payment of dues is largely in excess of former reports. As already intimated our present prospects are very flattering—both Lodges and Encampments are recovering from the temporary pause in their progress, and I have no doubt that ere the year shall close we shall again be working up to the standard of former years. During the year we have added *thirteen* new Lodges, making our present total of working Lodges *five hundred and fifteen*.

"I regret to say that the reports from the Rebekah Lodges are not very flattering. Out of one hundred and seventy-five Lodges we have only been able to get returns from forty, and these are mostly barren as to results. A few are doing good work, but with these exceptions the rest are either doing nothing or merely holding an occasional social gathering in the name of the Lodge. What shall be done to improve this branch of the Order? is the great cry that comes up continually from different parts of our jurisdiction. If the G. L. U. S. can respond to it in some practical way we shall feel very grateful."

INDIAN TERRITORY—The first report for the year 1876 received at this office, was that of Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, which came to hand January 11, and the report of Caddo Lodge, No. 1, was received January 17. A slight accession to the membership is shown, but the brethren labor under disadvantages which are fully set forth in the following extract from a letter of Bro. ISRAEL W. STONE, D. D. Grand Sire, dated April 30:

"Inclosed herewith please find report of institution of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, at McAlister, on the 26th inst. I have every reason to think that the Lodge just instituted will prove a great success. I initiated and passed through the degrees six new members, and fully thirty Odd Fellows were present, and I am led to believe a great portion of them will deposit their cards with this Lodge. Besides, they have much more material for membership than we have in Caddo. I can hear nothing from the contemplated Lodge at Erin Springs, although I have written the brothers about it.

"The members of Caddo Lodge are arranging to build a hall twenty-four by sixty, two stories high; the material has been contracted for. This will embarrass us some at the start, but we expect to be able to rent the lower part for a good price.

"The brethren of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, contributed \$185, and put a second story on a building, which gives them a room large enough to meet their wants at present, and they are about making arrangements for the use of a hall in a building to be erected of stone by Bro. MCALISTER.

"I am not able to give a very encouraging report of Caddo or Tishomingo

Lodges, as they are not receiving accessions on account of the action of the Grand Lodge in excluding some of the best material we have, and I am satisfied if the members of the Grand Lodge could see and become acquainted with these people they call ' Indians,' there would be some action taken to allow these civilized Indians, (who, by the way, are nearly as white as any of us, not only their skin, but their hearts,) to become Odd Fellows. This is a question that ought to be met with more knowledge than Eastern people generally possess upon the true status of the five civilized tribes in this Territory. These people, while possessing the rights, and being treated as Indians by the Government of the United States, have none of the characteristics, traditions or mode of living that are understood to be the condition of *Indians*. On the contrary, they are educated and have adopted the forms of government and mode of living of the white man. You will find lawyers, ministers, doctors, judges, merchants and farmers, in fact, a state of affairs that will compare favorably with many communities in the East. The only reason why many of these people are ' Indians' is, their forefathers were, and they possess the rights and privileges of Indians; but the fact is they are Americans, as much so as you or I. I have met these men under all circumstances, and know them to be true men, well worthy to become Odd Fellows."

IOWA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 4, with a letter from WILLIAM GARRETT, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, from which we extract as follows:

"I have at last received reports from every Lodge in our jurisdiction. Our gain is not as great as last year, but will compare, I hope, favorably with other jurisdictions. We gain in 1876, 21 Lodges and 1,148 members, which, considering the hard times and great scarcity of money in our State, is doing splendidly. Very few Lodges are retrograding, and so soon as we have a good crop or two, and times improve, we will gain largely, for we have a fine agricultural State and a great many of our members are farmers. We have issued, since 1st of January, seven Dispensations for new Lodges.

"I have to defer sending the report of Degree of Rebekah Lodges, as very few reports have been received.

"You will see that we gain in 1876, 11 Encampments and 357 Patriarchs. Three Dispensations have been issued since January 1, so that we have ninety-two Encampments at work. I have reports from all but one for the year; and three others last term; they are all doing a little. A few will surrender charter, or remove to some other locality, this year, but, with the exception of two or three, all will be able to sustain themselves. I believe the hard times affect the Encampment branch more than the Subordinate, but, I believe, we will show as good a report for 1876, as other jurisdictions. We have a steady, healthy gain, and intend to keep on, though I do not anticipate a large increase this year."

KANSAS—Bro. SAMUEL F. BURDETT, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, in his letter of April 6, accompanying the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, thus writes:

"I inclose the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment for year 1876; also for Rebekah Degree Lodges for same year. Although the blanks you sent out, as well as the laws of the G. L. U. S., require a report of the members, etc., of this Degree, yet the Grand Lodge of Kansas has never taken the necessary steps to procure the data from which to collate a report. The present Grand Master has directed me to prepare and issue the blanks, and require returns of the Rebekah Degree, and the inclosed report is the result. As this is the first attempt, and as many of the Lodges have kept no regular record of the conferring of this Degree, it is, of course, very imperfect. The Grand Master intends to bring the matter before the Grand Lodge, in his report, and urge the necessity of more perfect returns, and by a continued effort we hope to give you a more reliable statement in our next Annual Report.

"The Order in Kansas, both in the Lodge and Encampment branches, shows signs of recuperating energy, and if no disaster overtakes our commercial and

agricultural interests during the present year, I have no doubt our next report will show a large increase in membership.

"One of the most serious matters, which should arrest the attention of all true friends of the Order, is the excessive amount of the current expenses of Subordinate Lodges. I have called the attention of the Grand Lodge of Kansas to this subject in my Annual Reports for 1875-6, with a view to inciting reflection upon the subject, and in my report for 1875 I made the following statement:

"The Lodge receipts have been \$35,210.25 against \$34,541.02 last year, an increase of \$669.23. The Lodges' current expenses (in most cases this does not include the per centage paid to the Grand Lodge) have been \$19,384.31 against \$17,583.22, an increase of \$1,801.09. These figures show that over fifty per cent. of the entire receipts are consumed in expense account.

"And again in 1876, as follows:

#### LODGE RECEIPTS AND EXPENSES.

"The Lodge receipts have been \$36,624.63, an increase of \$1,414.38. While the current expenses of the Lodges have been \$22,406.84, or a fraction over 61 per cent. of the entire receipts, no less than sixteen Lodges' expenses actually exceed their income. By expenses is meant rents, lights, fuel, host, etc., and in some instances these items are made to include per centage to Grand Lodge (they all should do so), but in *no case does it include 'Sick or Funeral Benefits.'*

"If some plan could be devised to reduce this enormous drain upon our financial vitality, every Lodge, and the Order generally, would be greatly benefited. If the ordinary business enterprises of the day were managed at this expensive rate, there would not be a solvent merchant in the nation in one year.

"Some of the older jurisdictions are giving this important subject earnest consideration, and it behooves us, while yet in our infancy, to provide by a safe and economical rule for managing our business affairs, for the dark days which every human institution must experience sooner or later.

"A simple mention of the importance of this subject will be all that is necessary for me to do to secure at your hands an early and careful consideration of the matter.

"And during the compilation of my Annual Report to your office for 1876, I took occasion to note the amount disbursed for this purpose, and find as follows:

"Total annual receipts of Subordinate Lodges.....	\$36,261 65
"Total annual expenses of Subordinate Lodges.....	23,591 95

"Or, in round numbers, sixty-six per cent. of the *entire receipts paid out for current expenses*. In addition to which there has been paid for 1243 weeks' sickness the sum of \$4,596.50, and for relief of widowed families, educating orphans, burying the dead, and for special relief, the sum of \$2,982. Total relief, \$7,578.50, which, added to the amount paid for expense account, make the total disbursements \$31,170.45, leaving only \$5,091.20 as the accumulations for the entire year in a membership of nearly 5000.

"No comments are needed to prove that we are conducting our business affairs at a *ruinously expensive rate*. I have inserted the above figures here, hoping they may attract the attention of other jurisdictions and induce them to collect similar statistics, and which, in addition to the valuable labors of the Committee on 'Dues and Benefits,' may eventually result in a more economical administration of our financial affairs."

KENTUCKY—Bro. WILLIAM WHITE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, transmitted the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, on the twenty-eighth of March, with the following remarks:

"Whilst we have added to the number of Subordinate, Rebekah Degree Lodges and Subordinate Encampments, I regret to say that a slight falling off in the work generally, is apparent in comparing these reports with the previous

ones, but I am glad to say I can see no abatement of ardor or interest, as evidenced by the manifest promptness in making returns and in the ready discharge of the various duties required by the teachings and regulations of the Order. The same remarks will apply with equal force and appropriateness to the Patriarchal branch. The reports from the Rebekah Degree Lodges are so few and incomplete and imperfect that I can make no comparison or estimate in regard to this branch. Whilst we have not advanced in the past year as heretofore, I feel by no means despondent, but anticipate and hope for the speedy return of our former prosperity, and to again be able to write 'progress' upon our banners."

LOUISIANA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment reached this office, on the 17th of March, with the following letter from Bro. F. W. DELESDERNIER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe:

"It is with great pleasure that I can announce a decided improvement in our condition. Since my last report there has been an addition of sixty to our membership, with a much more cheering prospect for the future, and as we have every reason to believe that a season of more general prosperity is about to dawn upon us, the Order must share in its reviving influence. I am happy to say the Patriarchal branch has passed its most trying period and is on the high road of improvement. We have much to encourage and nothing to fear for the future, and hope soon to see the 'Jurisdiction of Louisiana' occupying the high position it once held."

LOWER PROVINCES, BRITISH NORTH AMERICA—On the 11th of June, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. J. C. P. FRAZEE, who has not furnished any special information concerning the condition of the Order. The return, however, exhibits a gain of one Lodge and 116 members for the year 1876. Receipts, \$8,890.74; relief, \$1,585.42.

Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, was instituted at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, on the 24th of October, 1876, by Bro. R. RADFORD BARNES, D. D. Grand Sire, who, in his letter of February 7, accompanying the returns of Encampments Nos. 10, 11 and 12, advises that—

"No. 13 is doing well. They have good paraphernalia, and twenty-four of the members have procured uniforms. This jurisdiction has increased slightly, but not so much as was hoped for, as the prostration of every kind of business, not any lack of zeal, has retarded our progress. I trust my successor to this important office will be enabled to report a much greater increase in this branch of our Order than it has fallen to my lot to advise of."

Bro. BARNES resigned the position of D. D. Grand Sire, and though regretting the retirement of such a faithful officer, who could not be induced to continue in the position, we are assured that Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, who was duly commissioned by the Grand Sire to fill the vacancy, will prove a worthy successor of our esteemed Bro. BARNES.

On the 20th of June a terrible conflagration occurred at St. John, which destroyed a large portion of the beautiful city and deprived the Lodges and Encampment of all their property. Bro. ANDRE CUSHING, D. D. Grand Sire, under date of 20th of July, furnishes information on the subject from which we extract as follows:

"The books of Pioneer, Beacon and Siloam Lodges were burned with all their regalia and paraphernalia. The officers thus being deprived of the registers of names have not been able to address all their members, and the very close attention of all to their immediate personal affairs has prevented brothers from attending the regular Lodge meetings which have, since the fire, been held in Peerless Hall in Portland. Hence it has only been by word transmitted from brother to brother that we have been able to gather information of the losses. We know, however, that the fire was so searching in its character that a large portion of the members of the three Lodges mentioned, were burned out both in their business and dwellings. Immediately after the fire a mass meeting of the several Lodges was called and a committee from each Lodge appointed

to search out and render a report of suffering brothers. These committees met and appointed a General Relief Committee consisting of GILBERT MURDOCK, D. Grand Master, R. R. BARNES, P. D. D. Grand Sire, and JOHN E. HUGHES, P. G., to receive and disburse all funds for relief of suffering brothers. They have now received in various contributions, mostly from the Brotherhood, upwards of four thousand dollars; have relieved a great many urgent cases of need, and are daily administering this fund in a careful and prudent manner. So far, we are not aware of any brother having received assistance from any other source, and it has been our effort to avoid such a necessity. We look forward to the coming winter with considerable anxiety, feeling as we do, that as yet we have brought to light a small number of suffering brothers. When order is once more restored, and the rigors of our winter set in, we anticipate a heavy tax on our resources.

"I now request that the Grand Lodge will forward a new charter for Milicete Encampment, their's having been burned together with all their books, regalia, and paraphernalia. This Encampment has been most unfortunate, having but just paid off the indebtedness incurred on its organization and got in a position of comfort and progress. A little nursing must necessarily follow this heavy blow. Please forward the working books for the Encampment."

MAINE—On the 1st of March, Bro. JOSHUA DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary forwarded the report of the Grand Lodge, stating:

"It is with pleasure that I am again enabled to report to you that Odd Fellowship is still increasing in power and influence in this jurisdiction. At no time since its institution has there been so much interest manifested in its prosperity and welfare, as at the present time.

"Our report of the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah show them to be in a flourishing condition, and in many localities are valuable auxiliaries in our work."

March 15, the report of the Grand Encampment was received from Bro. N. G. CUMMINGS, R. W. Grand Scribe, who wrote: "Our gain for the year has been one Encampment and two hundred and fifty-six Patriarchs. The prospect for the year to come is good."

MANITOBA, CANADA—The returns of Lodges Nos. 1 and 2, and Encampment, No. 1, were received in good season from Bro. LYSER HAYWARD, D. D. Grand Sire, who under date of January 22, makes a full report of matters pertaining to his office, from which the following is extracted:

"I regret to say that the progress of the Order in this jurisdiction, during the past year, has not been as satisfactory as I could wish, and I think that the united returns will show a decrease of membership. For the *first time* since the institution of the Order in this Province we have commenced weeding out members for non-payment of dues, and you will perceive that quite a number have been suspended on that account, especially from No. 1, and I believe that there are at present no members twelve months in arrears upon the books of either of the Lodges. The peculiar position of our Province, ice-bound, as at present, six months in the year, with no railway communication and having suffered for four years by failure of crops till last summer, has had much to do with the only partial success of the Order. We have reason to be proud of some sterling members; of the handsomest Lodge room west of St. Paul, and we have never failed in the matter of relief and are gradually accumulating our W. and O. Fund. Our expenses are very high, and our dues proportionately so, being twelve dollars per annum. In Manitoba Lodge, No. 1, we have reduced the sick benefits of Scarlet Degree members from six to four dollars per week, which we feel warranted in doing as board and medical attendance are more reasonable than three years ago. I trust that a brighter era is before us, and we are looking forward to a large emigration this summer, which will, however, consist almost wholly of farmers, who do not increase our ranks very rapidly owing to the great distance they are removed from the city. Until we get a railroad here and manufacturers in our midst we must be patient and do the best we can."

Our city is small as yet, having a population of about 7000, and is the only place of numerical importance in this Province.

"The officers installed into the respective chairs for the current term are, I think, well qualified to fill them, and take a great deal of interest in the Order."

MARYLAND—On the 12th of February, Bro. JOHN M. JONES, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, presented the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, with a letter from which the following extract is made:

"I regret exceedingly that I cannot report an increase of membership or show an improvement in our condition since my last report to you. Our decrease in membership is attributable entirely, in my judgment, to the continued depression of business, which seems to be general throughout the entire country, and we can only hope that it will soon reach its culminating point. During the year just closed we have expended in relieving the wants of the brethren, as also the widows and orphans under our charge, the sum of \$79,329.45, thus showing that we have performed a good work.

"The Patriarchal branch is in good condition, although there has been a slight decrease in membership."

MASSACHUSETTS—Bro. CHARLES D. COLE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, on the 28th of March forwarded the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, with a letter as follows:

"Again, I am able to send you an encouraging report of the condition of Odd Fellowship in this jurisdiction. Although the net increase has not been so large as in some former years, yet the reports received from District Deputy Grand Masters indicate that the interest and zeal in the cause of our Order has not abated, and that the Lodges and Encampments, with few exceptions, are doing a successful and healthy work.

"Since my last report, six Lodges have been instituted; six halls have been dedicated to the purposes of Odd Fellowship. Several of these halls are the property of the Lodges occupying them, and are finished and furnished in beautiful and appropriate style, equal if not superior to anything in the country.

"During the year, 1703 members have been admitted, making a net gain in membership of 934. We have lost by death, 191 members. \$37,415.93 have been paid to 1494 members for 8848 weeks' sickness; \$5,944.38 for the relief of widowed families; \$8,167.40 for burying the dead; the total for relief amounting to \$57,974.57, while the receipts were \$179,078.26.

"The Patriarchal branch is doing a fair amount of work. Since my last report two Encampments have been instituted; 421 members admitted; 230 Patriarchs have been paid \$3,954.25 for 1480 weeks' sickness; \$1,491 for burying the dead. The total amount of relief has been \$5,620.35, while the receipts have been \$29,461.90.

"Some gain has also been made in the Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. During the past year, three new Lodges have been instituted, and there has been a gain in membership of 271. In most of the Lodges a good interest is manifested. The total receipts were \$3,553.95, and the assets now in the treasury amount to \$10,227.05."

MICHIGAN—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received May 30. Bro. E. H. WHITNEY, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advises as follows:

"As heretofore, we gladly report a steady and healthy growth within our borders. Since the last report, we have added to our number of Lodges fourteen new ones, and revived one defunct Lodge; all of them are engaged in the work with an earnestness and zeal worthy of those who profess to love and practice our precepts. Our total membership is increased by a smaller amount than for several years past, yet we have no fears, no cause for doubt, while we realize as a reason for such result a cause affecting the whole in like manner. Nothing escapes the pressure of the financial distress of the day, and we may feel well assured that our organization will survive where others may fail, because of the sure foundation on which we build—'Universal Fraternity,'

where the rich and poor stand on one common level, each to aid the other, according to his ability and opportunity.

"The Encampment branch also, has had a year of prosperity, and the tents of the worthy Patriarchs are now increased by the addition of three new Encampments, while we report one as surrendering its Charter.

"Of the Rebekah Degree Lodges, we have added six new ones to the number, while twelve from among those first organized have surrendered their Charters. That any hope can be justified of the future growth of Lodges of this Degree, will, I think, depend upon how soon the G. L. U. S. shall come to their relief. They are wanting in some manner, have got either too much or too little, certain it is they are looking for more. Let our wise men consider their condition and revoke or increase their powers and privileges."

MINNESOTA—On the 12th of May, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. SHERWOOD HOUGH, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following remarks:

"Since my last report, we have instituted seven new Lodges, and lost one by surrender of Charter. Our net gain in membership has been 197. Since December 31, 1876, three new Lodges have been instituted, and our present membership must be very near 3000.

"I also enclose a very meagre report of Rebekah Degree Lodges. Twelve Charters have been issued, of which number but three Lodges have reported.

The report of the Grand Encampment was received on the 24th of May, accompanied with a letter from Bro. J. FLETCHER WILLIAMS, R. W. Grand Scribe, as follows:

"Our report shows that we have succeeded in 'holding the fort,' but not much more than that. The unparalleled financial pressure and the grasshopper invasion almost squeezed the life out of our weaker Encampments, but they are at least all living, and some doing pretty well. The only wonder is that half of them are not dead. We have now in hand a petition for a new Encampment, which will start with fifty members, forty-three of whom are to take the degrees as soon as the Encampment is instituted."

MISSISSIPPI—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received, on the 17th of April, from Bro. JAMES T. McCOWN, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who thus advises of the situation:

"It is with deep regret that I have to record the heavy decrease in our membership. We have suffered from the long continued depression in financial affairs, several Lodges having failed and many good members being unable to pay their dues. Notwithstanding heavy reverses, the brotherhood have worked faithfully, as you will see from the amount expended in payment of sick and funeral benefits and support of widowed families, said amount being more than twenty per cent. of the total receipts from all sources. With the true spirit of Odd Fellowship so strong amongst us, we have reason to hope that a brighter future will dawn upon our beloved Order, and that our next report will show an onward movement."

MISSOURI—Bro. E. M. SLOAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, under date of May 12, forwards the report of the Grand Lodge, with the following remarks:

"In submitting our 'Annual Report,' it gratifies us to make one containing evidence of renewed prosperity in this State. The continued financial depression, almost universally prevalent in the west, of course affects our Order and kindred associations, ever sensitive to such discouragements as scarcity of and difficulty to make money. We have suffered in common with every other interest, and yet, in the face of these well known facts, our improvement has been decided—membership increased, finances improved, and amount paid in relief much greater than at any period of our history. Our Order, though always held in high esteem in this valley, was never so firmly ingratiated into the favorable estimation of our whole community.

"The migratory spirit of western society, as also the fact that morals are not so well settled, compels us to labor under some disadvantages to which our more

eastern neighbors are in a great measure strangers, yet the *spirit of our corps* was never better than now, and with a general return of prosperity will doubtless come a large increase of Lodges and members until the establishment and maintenance of a well organized Lodge of our Order will be a *necessity* in every town and hamlet in the Mississippi valley.

"We see the period in the near future when those to whom, under God, the world is indebted for the benign influence of our Order, will have accomplished their mission of love and benefaction, and we must trust that those upon whom the mantles will fall will prove as zealous, if not so efficient. So our proud banner unfurled must continue to wave to cheer us on, and that from one extreme to the other of civilization. Our band, with a single purpose and hope, will stand together in fulfilling our high mission until want makes no further claim, distress has no sorrow to assuage, and crying and tears shall be done away.

"The action of the last session of the G. L. of the U. S. has greatly depleted our Rebekah Lodges, but it will prove a real benefit in the end, and act as a much needed pruning process, yet much more radical legislation must take place by that worthy Body before this branch of our Order can succeed with us, the nature of which must be left to those having the matter in charge."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received May 26, from Bro. C. C. ARCHER, R. W. Grand Scribe, who advises as follows:

"You will see that the Patriarchal branch of the Order has not made much progress in this jurisdiction during the past year, in the way of an increase in membership, but shows a slight decrease as compared with the report of last year; but taking into consideration the unfavorable aspect of affairs in the way of stringency in money matters, and the scarcity of employment in all branches of industry, which has prevented many good and worthy persons from joining our Order, we have much cause for congratulation that our condition is no worse. The indications are that during the next year we will have a revival in the Patriarchal branch in this jurisdiction."

MONTANA—The report of the Grand Lodge was forwarded by Bro. JOSEPH A. HYDE, R. W. Grand Secretary, and reached this office March 19. They have now eight Lodges, with a membership of 256 in the Territory. Receipts, \$4,958.55; relief, \$604.

The returns of Encampments Nos. 1 and 2 were received February 3, from JAMES L. DAVIS, D. D. Grand Sire, who advises, under date of January 20 and April 5, as follows:

"The Encampments are in good condition financially, and are working harmoniously. There will probably be an application made to institute another Encampment in this jurisdiction in a short time.

"As yet there are only two Encampments in Montana. They are, I am glad to say, prospering. I have been expecting an application for one at Butte City, but I have not heard anything about it lately."

NEBRASKA—At the date this document goes to the printer (August 15), notwithstanding the efforts made to procure the reports, the annual returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Nebraska, due April 1, have not been received. Several letters have been addressed to JOHN EVANS, who, at our last advices, was Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, but we have failed in our attempts to open a correspondence with him, and a final effort to learn something concerning the Order in the jurisdiction was made on the 4th of August, when a letter was mailed to THOMAS J. STALEY, Grand Master, who, on the 13th of August, replied as follows:

"I immediately called upon our Grand Secretary, who informed me that the cause of the delay in transmitting the reports, was the failure to receive returns from our subordinates. The report was at once made up and forwarded, and will doubtless be at hand by the time this reaches you. I am exceedingly sorry that our reports are so late in reaching you, and trust that no occasion may be given you hereafter to complain of us in this respect."

On the 20th of August, when the proof of this page was read, the reports had not reached this office.

NETHERLANDS—See Foreign Correspondence.

NEVADA—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. F. V. DRAKE, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, on the 1st of June, exhibiting a gain of seventeen in the Lodge, and a loss of one in the Encampment membership.

NEW HAMPSHIRE—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received April 11, from Bro. JOEL TAYLOR, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who advises of the situation as follows:

"In presenting the annual report from this State for 1876, it gives me pleasure to be able to say that the year has been one of continued prosperity and usefulness. While we may not expect to do great things, we endeavor to be active and ready to do good as we have opportunity. We have 49 Lodges and a membership of 6642—a gain of 5 Lodges and 458 members. Paid for relief, \$17,142.20; amount of receipts, \$43,696.72; funds and investments, \$136,000.

"In the Rebekah Degree we have 11 Lodges and 1362 members—a gain of 234. A good degree of interest is reported.

"In the Encampment branch there has been a fair interest manifested, although there has not been as much done as in some years. There are 24 Encampments, with 2186 members. Paid for relief, \$1,605.69; amount of receipts, \$6,225.40; funds and investments, \$18,000."

NEW JERSEY—On the 30th of March the report of the Grand Lodge was received with a letter from Bro. LEWIS PARKER, JR., R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, as follows:

"The report exhibits a sad falling off in membership, which can only be attributed to the necessities of the times. Nevertheless our jurisdiction has not been unmindful of her duty in the extent and the amount of her benevolent operations. We contributed more for charitable purposes than ever before in our history, and this fact demonstrates that the spirit of our institution is still as active as it was when our membership was growing and our bounds extending. There is no cause for discouragement but enough for congratulation."

The Grand Encampment report was received June 6, with the following remarks:

"I regret that I am compelled to report a decrease in membership of 109 since the last annual report, but in every other department the result of our year's operations is entirely satisfactory. This decrease is the inevitable consequence of financial depression, and, when everything is considered, we have no reason to regret the present condition of this branch of the Order in our jurisdiction."

NEW MEXICO—The returns of Paradise Lodge, No. 2, and Centennial Encampment, No. 3, were received early in March, and Bro. JOHN RITTER, D. D. Grand Sire, on the 3d of April transmitted the following to the M. W. Grand Sire:

"As my report is not as flattering as is my desire to have it, I would state in explanation thereof that it is very difficult in this country to speedily increase the numerical strength and influence of the Order, as the population from which to select our membership is scattered all over the Territory, a distance of about 500 miles, there not being a sufficient number congregated in any one place outside of Santa Fe to establish a new Lodge. The native element is not competent for membership for the want of education, or because of the religious scruples which have been inculcated among them in regard to all secret societies. We have had about six of the *most intelligent* of them, and they have proved entirely unworthy, as all but one have been dropped from membership for non-payment of dues, and the one remaining does not take any interest in or participate in any manner in the work of the Lodge. Therefore we have little hope of progressing rapidly for some time to come, and we ask a little indulgence and trust we shall not be considered as negligent or remiss in regard to

the work we have undertaken to perform, as I can assure you, although we are few, we shall ever do our utmost for the progress and welfare of the Order here, and if we increase slowly we intend to have no members in the future who will not be a credit and do honor to our noble fraternity.

"The Encampment has every prospect of being a success, as I believe we shall largely increase by the admission of many worthy brothers before the expiration of the year. I therefore trust that my next report will prove more favorable and satisfactory than the present one.

"We intend to have, on the 26th inst., a public dedication of a splendid new hall we have obtained; also, to duly celebrate the fifty-eighth anniversary of the establishment of our Order in the United States. I expect the occasion will prove the grandest and most successful of the kind ever held in this Territory, and have no doubt that it will have a good effect upon the community at large, and especially the guests who will be present during the ceremonies."

NEW YORK—On the 7th of July, the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. CHARLES V. CLARK, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. A loss of 317 in the Lodge and 110 in the Encampment membership is noted.

NORTH CAROLINA—The report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. J. J. LITCHFORD, R. W. Grand Secretary, on the 18th of April, who writes:

"Notwithstanding the unprecedented severity of the panic in money matters, and the protracted and heated political canvass in our State during last year, we were not only able to hold our own, but made quite an encouraging increase in Lodges and membership. My report to your office was to January 1, and does not include the entire membership to the close of our fiscal year, March 31.

"The Order in this State is in a healthy condition, and when the general business interests of the country revive, we believe we shall go ahead with such speed as will distance our progress at any time in the past."

The returns of the Grand Encampment, with the following from Bro. RICHARD J. JONES, R. W. Grand Scribe, were received on the 25th of April:

"I regret that I have been forced to delay the report until this late day, but I can assure you that the fault does not rest at my door. Last year I had the satisfaction of saying: 'all have reported,' but such is not the case this year. From reports received the Order is gaining ground slowly, and we are thankful."

OHIO—Bro. JOSEPH DOWDALL, R. W. Grand Scribe, in forwarding the report of the Grand Encampment, on the 6th of April, wrote as follows:

"We show a net loss of 208 members for 1876, but an improved financial condition. It is unnecessary to repeat the old cry that the hard times and unsettled condition of the country had a great effect on our Order, pecuniarily, but such is the case. We hope for a revival during the year 1877, and that a greater interest will be manifested in promulgating and practicing the teachings of Odd Fellowship."

Under date of May 5, Bro. DOWDALL wrote:

"The annual session of the Grand Encampment held at Steubenville, May 1 and 2, 1877, was one of the greatest harmony, and the new officers enter upon their duties with the determination to discharge them with renewed zeal for the success of our Order."

On the 28th of April, Bro. WILLIAM C. EARL, R. W. Grand Secretary, transmitted the report of the Grand Lodge, with a letter explaining the situation, as follows:

"For the first time, Ohio must yield to the pressure, and admit a decrease of membership. This I deeply regret, but with as good grace as possible submit to the inevitable and unavoidable.

"The decrease, however, affords no grounds for discouragement. On the other hand, I earnestly hope it may act as a new inspiration, inciting the good, the true, and the steadfast workers to renewed effort. Our loss is all accounted for by the decrease of initiations, which is 903, whilst the decrease of members

is only 556. From this apparent defeat victory may yet be won. Prosperity often begets lethargy, whilst adversity is a spur that stirs up the feelings of the heart, fires ambition, and incites to renewed endeavor. If this spirit shall seize upon the brotherhood of this great State—if we will cease to embrace too many gods, and return with fervent devotion to our first love—linking hands in the chain of fraternity, and with fixed resolve determine that the star which is emblazoned with the sacred principles of Friendship, Love and Truth shall again shine in all its splendor, the victory will most surely follow.

"Of the Rebekah Lodges I have but little to say. Unless some legislation can be devised that will give them greater permanency, I can have no hope for them. They are chartered—their light shines more or less brightly for a time, and then dies out. We have a few Lodges in this State that are reasonably prosperous, but of many, the most that can be said is, they *exist*.

"I would earnestly urge that the time for making reports to the G. L. U. S. be extended to May 1. With all the effort I can make, it is impossible for me to get reports from all the Subordinates, so as to make my returns by April 1, and I do not like to be delinquent in performing any duty imposed upon me, and it seems to me as though from May 1 to September 1 is ample time to compile the reports."

ONTARIO—The return of the Grand Encampment came to hand on the 23d of March. Bro. M. D. Dawson, R. W. Grand Scribe, remarks as follows:

"The ratio of increase has not been large, yet our success, both numerically and financially, is, notwithstanding the extreme depression in trade and commerce, gratifying. While we have added five new tents to our fold in the past year, our old ones have continued to flourish, and our aggregate membership has increased nearly 200. We now number thirty-four Encampments, with a membership of 1800, and the prospects for the current year are of the most encouraging character. You will also perceive that the true spirit of Odd Fellowship permeates our entire jurisdiction, and that benevolence and brotherly love are two of our leading characteristics, for one-sixth of the total cash receipts has been devoted to benevolence. Every Encampment has reported, and returns from the most have been very carefully made up. Still, there are errors and omissions, which render our statistics a little faulty; but the delay in sending in the returns by the subordinates, is the fault most generally complained of, and is my only excuse for not being able to forward my returns sooner."

On the 9th of April, the report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. J. B. KING, R. W. Grand Secretary, who also furnished a printed abstract of the complete work of the year, from which we extract the following items, not included in the regular return:

"Per centage of relief to receipts, 21.25, or more than one-fifth. Total current expenses, \$43,591.23. Per centage of, to receipts, 44.83, or more than two-fifths. Death rate, one in 167. Average benefits paid to each sick brother, \$11.68. Average to total membership, \$1.04, General fund of Lodges, \$164,-526.41. Widows and Orphans' Fund, \$58,689.05. Total fund, \$223,215.45. Increase during the year, \$42,940.89. One Lodge has not yet reported. It is gratifying to be able to say that, with but six exceptions, all returns were in by the end of January, and had those six Lodges been as prompt as they might and should have been, this statement would have been out on the 1st of February. The foregoing figures show that, notwithstanding the continued very great depression in commercial circles during the past year, the Order has increased in a ratio almost equal to former years."

Under date of August 13, Bro. KING transmitted the following:

"In April I sent you the Annual Report of this Grand Lodge, together with a statement issued at the time, compiled from the returns of the year and half year ending December 31. The return does not do this jurisdiction justice, appearing in your report six months after its compilation. You will notice by the report just sent to you, as submitted to our Grand Lodge at its annual session, an increase of 11 Lodges and 571 members for the half year. The depression has

been very great in commercial circles during the past year or two, and without doubt has kept many from uniting with the Order, as well as caused many to drop out for non-payment of dues. I have every reason to hope that the crisis is passed, and that the abundant harvest of the present year will bring increased prosperity to all branches of industry, and that our Order will share in that prosperity.

"We are taking a lively interest in the relation of dues to benefits, and hope soon to arrive at the proper rates. To that end a committee was appointed at the session of 1876, and majority and minority reports were presented at the session of 1877, a copy of each of which I have sent to you.

"In twelve years we have grown from 12 Lodges with 605 members, to 176 Lodges with 12,309 members, and the amount expended for relief has increased from \$299 in 1856, to \$21,796.59 in 1876.

"The last session of our Grand Lodge, held at Belleville, on the 1st of August, 1877, was the most largely attended and successful session we have ever had. A very large amount of business was transacted and the utmost harmony prevailed."

OREGON—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received on the 10th of April, from Bro. J. M. BACON, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and exhibit an increase of eighty-eight in the Lodge membership. The increase in Encampment membership, (sixty-five), is the number of members in Vancouver Encampment, No. 1, British Columbia, attached to the G. E. of Oregon, January 1, 1876.

PENNSYLVANIA—On the 9th of June, the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. JAMES B. NICHOLSON, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe. We quote the following from the report made by the Grand Secretary to the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, at its session in May, 1877:

"The long continued depression has caused heavy demands upon the treasuries of the Lodges, unusually large numbers have been suspended for non-payment of dues, whilst the admissions have fallen much below the average. This condition of affairs appealed strongly to those with whom you have entrusted authority, and every possible effort has been made by the means of special sessions, visitations, lectures and addresses, words of encouragement and good cheer, to overcome in the Order the evil effects of the financial depression, and to incite to activity in the direction of prosperity and enduring good. In this direction the Most Worthy Grand Master has labored with assiduity and effect. But the officers of the Grand Lodge are limited in their special and personal influence; it is to the great band of workers, some of whom may be found in every Lodge, that we must look and hope for that intelligent and persistent action that will overcome all temporary hindrances and roll the car of progress onward, with an impetus that will tell upon the prosperity of the Order and upon the lives and characters of its members.

"The collection of information upon the subject of sickness in other jurisdictions, confirms materially the experience in this. An able committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, made a thorough analysis of the reports of the Lodges in that jurisdiction, and when differences of climate and occupation are taken into consideration, the differences in the results are scarcely appreciable. In the Grand Lodge of Virginia a proposition has been submitted, which in substance prohibits Lodges from promising to pay more than one-third of the amount fixed as weekly dues, for benefits—the dues being cents and the benefits dollars. That is to say, for fifteen cents dues, five dollars benefits; for twelve cents dues, four dollars benefits; for nine cents dues, three dollars benefits. In fact, experience and observation are strengthening the opinion expressed two years ago—that a Lodge with an average membership, as to numbers, age, and healthful pursuits, having in view the faithful performance of its obligations in the future, cannot safely promise to pay the members

five dollars per week as benefits when sick, for less than fifteen cents weekly dues."

The following is appended to the report of Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah:

"Dispensations have been granted to two Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah. Four have surrendered their charters, leaving the apparent number in existence at ninety-seven; out of that number, *fifty-seven have failed to make any report*, although special efforts have been made, both by circulars addressed to them and to the District Deputy Grand Masters, to obtain them. Attention has been called to the action of the Grand Lodge of the United States, upon the forfeiture of charters for failure to report, and it only remains to execute that order, and strike fifty Rebekah Degree Lodges from the list, the collection of whose charters and books will be attended with considerable expense; but the probabilities are that postponement will not be an avoidance, that it will have to be eventually incurred.

. "Of the fifty-seven that failed to report this year, some reported last year; some that failed last year, reported this year, so it will be seen how incongruous the sum total must be, based upon such returns."

PERU—See Foreign Correspondence.

QUEBEC, CANADA—The returns of Encampment No. 1, and Lodges 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were received on the 21st of February, and generally exhibit a prosperous condition. Bro. G. VAREY, D. D. Grand Sire, thus writes concerning the situation:

"You will see by the returns, that notwithstanding the very depressed state of business, causing a number of suspensions for non-payment of dues, our jurisdiction has not fallen off, but shows a small increase over all losses. This is very gratifying, and I begin to feel that I am getting repaid for my anxiety and trouble in the past. It is with the most heartfelt thankfulness that I can now say that *all* our Lodges are working in the most perfect harmony and good feeling, the only rivalry being which shall do their work best and bring Odd Fellowship most favorably before the outside world. One of the best incentives to this end is the frequent visiting of each other as Lodges, and having social gatherings at which the lady friends of our Order may attend. These socials during our long winters have a good effect, and are the means of increasing our numbers. I am not going to trouble you with a detail of each Lodge, suffice it to say the officers for the present term have all been duly installed and are generally the right men in the right places."

On the 6th of March, Beaver Lodge, No. 6, was instituted at Montreal, and on the 14th of April, Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, was instituted at Richmond. In forwarding the petition for No. 6, Bro. VAREY wrote:

"I attended one of the preliminary meetings (the first), and am well pleased with the prospects for a large Lodge in the locality selected by the brethren for this new enterprise. It is some two or three miles from the other Lodges, and, though so far, there was always a good muster from that quarter at all the meetings of the Lodges to which the brothers belonged, which showed a healthy spirit. You will see there are enough signatures to the petition to enable them to go to work at once; and to encourage them the Lodges in the city have offered them the use of sufficient regalia, etc., to enable them to work without incurring any large expense. This Lodge will be located in the heart of the 'Grand Trunk Railway' mechanical shops, at Point St. Charles, and the members will be taken from the mechanics and operatives of that company, and will rank well with any for intelligence."

With the application for No 7, Bro. VAREY advised:

"The Lodge is to be located at Richmond, Province of Quebec, distant from Montreal about seventy-five miles. The petitioners are, like those of No. 6, principally employees of the 'Grand Trunk Railway,' and are a very intelligent lot of men. This movement is what I have been long desiring, as all the Lodges in this jurisdiction have thus far been in the city; but now I look forward to

a new era in this Province, and feel confident that after Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, has been instituted and is in good working order, other towns and villages in the Province will be induced to come under our banner, and it will not be very long before we are able in numbers and ability to make application for a Subordinate Grand Lodge—a day when I shall behold the consummation of all my hopes for our Order in this jurisdiction, and which will be the proudest of my 'Odd Fellows' life. The opening of this Lodge will be due to the exertions and magnanimity of Mizpah Lodge, No. 3, and more especially to its Junior Past Grand, Bro. H. HARMON, who has been indefatigable in his endeavors to spread the Order outside of this city."

The D. D. Grand Sire reports under date of March 30:

"There is scarcely a night of meeting of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, without initiations and proposals for membership. I understand they are nearly out of debt and their prospects are good. All the subordinate Lodges are improving, No. 6 having initiations at every meeting."

RHODE ISLAND—The report of the Grand Lodge was received on the 15th of February, and the Grand Encampment return on the 10th of March. Bro. JOHN F. DRISCOL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, advises:

"It affords me great satisfaction to be able to report a continued, steady and healthy progress of our beloved Order in this jurisdiction. We have peace and harmony throughout our borders, and the increase of our Lodges and membership is all that could be desired.

"The Patriarchal branch has not been as prosperous as usual, owing to the continued depression in business, which has caused the members to leave for other jurisdictions, but we hope on the revival of business to make good our loss."

SANDWICH ISLANDS—See Foreign Correspondence.

SOUTH CAROLINA—On the 6th day of August the Annual Report of the Grand Lodge was received from Bro. ROBERT JAMES, R. W. Grand Secretary, with the following statement of the unfortunate condition of this once flourishing jurisdiction :

"I enclose my official return for the year 1876, and regret very much the delay which has occurred in not forwarding it at the proper time.

"You will perceive that our membership is reduced to 663. We still number fifteen Lodges in the State, although some of them are in a very feeble condition. A change for the better, I hope, will soon take place, but it will require a complete revolution in financial affairs, so that our people may find employment.

"I have not yet been able to send you the proceedings of our last annual session, as our indebtedness of about \$300 will prevent us at present from issuing them, and will also endanger our Representative tax of \$75.

"I confess I really feel discouraged, yet I will not give up while there is the least possible chance to sustain the Order in this State. We were once in a very prosperous condition, numbering over 2500 members, and I do not despair, but hope that a better day is coming. We still have good material left among us, that will, as in the past, shine with brilliancy—men who will be equal in usefulness and influence to those two great lights, Bros. DE SAUSSURE and BOYLSTON, Past Grand Sires."

With reference to the Grand Encampment, Bro. SILAS JOHNSTONE, M. W. Grand Patriarch, under date of August 11, advises as follows:

"The R. W. Grand Encampment of South Carolina will fail to make an Annual Report for the year 1876. There has, as yet, been no annual meeting of the Body. At the regular time, in January last, a quorum was not present, and the meeting was postponed to the call of the Grand Patriarch. A call was made in April, the Subordinates notified by letter, and again a quorum was wanting. Since then the Grand Patriarch has made ineffectual efforts to ascertain when and where it would be convenient to assemble a quorum so that the officers could be elected and installed, to whom the Subordinates should make

their returns. I think now that it is better to await the regular time than to fail again in getting up a called meeting. It may appear to you that a report might be made, notwithstanding no meeting has been held, but in consequence of the Grand Scribe (elected in January, 1876,) not having been installed, and the Past Grand Scribe not acting, the Subordinates were not required to make their returns. I think their withholding them was proper under the circumstances, and let the next report exhibit two years' transactions. The organization had been running down for some two years or more before I was elected Grand Patriarch. I was induced by my friends to accept the office, in the hope that a change of hands might work some improvement in its condition, but I was not long in office before I feared that my administration would prove a failure. I do not know that any one else could have entirely succeeded, yet it is mortifying to me that I have done so little. Still, I think that a little longer indulgence given to us would result beneficially, at all events would do no harm."

SWITZERLAND—See Foreign Correspondence.

TENNESSEE—On the 30th of March the returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. J. R. HARWELL, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, with the following:

"I am truly sorry that our reports do not make a better showing. The constant cry of 'hard times.' and the introduction of other organizations promising larger pecuniary benefits, have retarded the growth of Odd Fellowship in Tennessee to some extent. Our prospects for the future, however, are not discouraging. I trust that this is the last time our reports will show a decrease in membership.

"Our Rebekah Lodges, as a general thing, are doing no good."

TEXAS—The returns of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received July 2, from Bro. GEORGE W. GROVER, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, and exhibit a decrease of 424 in the Lodge and 132 in the Encampment membership. Bro. GROVER advised of the destruction of Odd Fellows' Hall, in Galveston, by an extensive conflagration, on the 8th of June, by which nearly all the property of the Grand and Subordinate bodies meeting in the hall, was consumed. He also says:

"Our reports show a decrease of membership from preceding year, having dropped some Lodges failing to report. I believe the number will be made good by new Lodges and re-instatements during the present year, as from information received the Order generally throughout the State is in a flourishing condition."

UTAH—On the 23d of January, the report of the Grand Lodge of Utah reached this office. Bro. E. M. WILSON, R. W. Grand Secretary, was the first of the Grand Secretaries to forward the report of his Grand Lodge, and under date of January 16 wrote as follows:

"Herewith I inclose the report of this jurisdiction for the year ending December 31, 1876. Our increase in membership has been slight, owing partially to the general stagnation of business during the year. The principal drawback, however, to the Order in this Territory, is the fact that nearly nine-tenths of the male population are followers of Brigham Young and his peculiar doctrines, and those who do not *practice* polygamy openly *advocate* it, thus setting at defiance the laws of the United States and compelling our Lodges to reject them whenever they apply for membership. The Lodges we have are made up of splendid material, and I do not think a more *perfect working* jurisdiction can be found. The health of the members has been good, and hence the drain upon the Lodge treasuries has been limited, so far as sick and funeral benefits are concerned. Our capitation tax for the support of the Grand Lodge is necessarily large (it being \$2.25 last year), owing to our small membership. The Lodges have wisely so regulated their dues and benefits as to insure a general increase of their funds under ordinary circumstances, and hence are in good financial standing.

"Application has been made for a new Lodge at Ogden, which will probably be instituted in February.

"We have no Rebekah Degree Lodges, although initiatory steps have been taken for the application for a charter at the next session of the Grand Lodge. I somewhat doubt the propriety of encouraging the establishment of Lodges of this branch of our Order (judging from the experience of other jurisdictions), although it seems ungallant to refuse the appeals of our fair sisters."

Again, under date of July 20, Bro. WILSON remarks:

"Our Order in this jurisdiction continues to progress and grow stronger, notwithstanding the many obstacles we have to contend with. We now have six Subordinate Lodges, with a membership of 320, a gain of 1 Lodge and 24 members since our last annual report; also, an Encampment consisting of sixty-three members and a Degree Lodge, all in good, sound, harmonious working order. A petition was presented at the last session of our Grand Lodge for a Rebekah Degree Lodge to be established in this city, but owing to the unfavorable reports that reach us from sister jurisdictions, we postponed action upon it until next year, hoping that the Grand Lodge of the United States will, in the meantime, do something to place the degree upon a more substantial footing. We want no *sickly* Odd Fellowship among us in Utah, no matter what the sex."

VERMONT—Bro. D. P. CELLEY, R. W. Grand Scribe, forwarded the report of the Grand Encampment, on the 16th of February. We note a slight increase of membership during the year. Encampments, 9; members, 347. Relief, \$144; receipts, \$962.28.

The report of the Grand Lodge was received, on the 12th of July, from Bro. JOHN R. BURTON, R. W. Grand Secretary, and exhibits an increase of 51 in membership.

VIRGINIA—The return of the Grand Encampment was received the 14th of February, from Bro. HUGH LATHAM, R. W. Grand Scribe, with the following:

"The report does not present such an exhibit as I had hoped and anticipated. The great depression in business and the continued financial embarrassments stamp their indelible impress upon this branch of our Order in this State. There has been a marked decrease in the admissions to our Encampments, which of course makes our total less than it was one year ago. The total amount paid for relief is in excess of last year, while the amount of revenue is smaller and the number of weeks of sick benefits has more than doubled. This might discourage some, but we expect, by an unfaltering energy, to overcome every obstacle and place our Grand Encampment in a relatively proud position again. I regret that the 'hopes' of last year have not been realized."

On the 5th of March the report of the Grand Lodge was received, accompanied by the following, from Bro. T. WILEY DAVIS, R. W. Grand Secretary:

"It is with feelings of regret that I am compelled to announce a decrease of eighty in membership during the year, but feeling sure that we can attribute our decrease to the general depression in business and scarcity of the circulating medium in our jurisdiction rather than to an absence of appreciation of the principles of Odd Fellowship, we are not at all discouraged; on the contrary, we return our grateful acknowledgements to the Giver of all good for the perpetuity of our Order, and for any relief that we may have afforded to the suffering ones of earth. Our financial exhibit is, however, quite encouraging, as our annual receipts show an increase of thirty-two per cent.; amount of relief about the same increase over the previous year, and this further fact is shown, viz.: the amount expended in relief is sixty-five per cent. of the total receipts; so you see that we are not forgetful of the command to 'relieve the distressed.' We report a very small amount as expended in the education of orphans, but it is applied mainly to the purchase of books, as our excellent system of public schools affords not only to the child of the dead Odd Fellow, but to all alike, the opportunity to obtain a good education.

"We have no Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah in this jurisdiction, though the degree is regularly conferred upon new aspirants for the honors of office."

"The plan of endowment, known as the 'Richmond District Benefit Board,' mentioned in our last annual report, I am sorry to say has ceased to exist. I attribute its demise to the frequency with which its members were called upon to pay assessments upon deaths, yet in the few years of its existence its beneficial effects were plainly visible in the payment of many thousands of dollars to the widows and orphans in excess of the amount usually provided for by our local laws."

WASHINGTON—The seven Lodges and one Encampment in this Territory, as reported at the last session, are respectively under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Oregon. From information supplied by Bro. J. M. BACON, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe of these Grand Bodies, we learn the seven Lodges reported, December 31, 1876, a membership of 248, and the Encampment 25 members.

Three new Lodges have been instituted during the recess, viz.: New Castle, No. 8, at New Castle, February 10, 1877; Mount Baker, No. 9, at Port Townsend, February 26, 1877; Patit, No. 10, at Dayton, March 8, 1877. Bro. H. G. STRUVE, D. D. G. Sire, instituted, Lodges 8 and 9, and with return of institution, advised:

"Both of these Lodges bid fair to become prosperous. Judging from the material and the interest and zeal manifested, I believe No. 9, will become one of the best working Lodges on this coast."

Bro. E. L. POWELL, D. D. G. M. of the Grand Lodge of Oregon was specially commissioned to institute No. 10, it being located in the district under his charge. He was highly recommended by the Grand Secretary of Oregon for the trust, and made prompt return of his action, stating:

"The Lodge started with very flattering prospects, admitting four by card and initiating six on the night of institution, thus having a membership of sixteen worthy brothers to begin with. There are many good Odd Fellows in the place who will unite with the Lodge as soon as they receive their cards from their former Lodges.

"There is a measure on foot to institute a Lodge at Walla Walla, about which I hope to report further very soon."

On the 23d of June an informal application for a warrant for Unity Encampment, No. 2, to be located at Seattle was received; the petition being signed by two Patriarchs holding withdrawal cards and ten "having the degree conferred by commission of the M. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of the State of Oregon." Proper papers were prepared and forwarded to Bro. HENRY G. STRUVE, D. D. Grand Sire, who was authorized to confer the degrees and institute the Encampment on the reception of the requisite applications.

WEST VIRGINIA—Bro. THOMAS G. STEELE, R. W. Grand Secretary, in transmitting the report of the Grand Lodge, on the 27th of March, thus writes:

"This is the first report since our organization that we show a decrease in numbers, (34). While this is to be regretted we have great cause for gratulation on the financial condition of our Lodges. We have added three to the number of Subordinates, and from the tenor of our latest information 'we will rise again.' It has pleased God to permit us to see the triumphs and prosperity of our Order—you in the extended sphere of the entire brotherhood, I in the more humble field of West Virginia. We will soon be called from labor to rest. 'Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors and their works do follow them.' May God spare my brother many years to complete the great work he is engaged in."

The report of the Grand Encampment was received March 30th, with the following from Bro. H. A. UTHMAN, R. W. Grand Scribe:

"I am compelled to report a loss again this year, although we instituted one Encampment. I can only attribute the result to the financial condition of the country, which has deprived many of our members of employment for nearly

a year, thereby making it impossible for them to pay their dues. I hope we shall during the present year regain our losses."

WISCONSIN—On the 18th of April the reports of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment were received from Bro. L. B. HILLS, R. W. Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, who writes as follows:

"It gives me pleasure to state that the returns for the past year indicate a sound and healthy condition of the Lodges and the Order, notwithstanding the extreme financial depression and stagnation of nearly all trade and business.

"It seems to me that if the Subordinates and each jurisdiction were required to return a few additional items, the Committee on *Dues and Benefits*' would be greatly aided in its labors. For example, in addition to the 'number of weeks' sickness for which benefits were paid,' require the number reported sick, total number of weeks' sickness and number of weeks for which no benefits were paid. The Lodges in this jurisdiction report 1781 weeks' sick benefits paid, and at the same time return 665 weeks' sickness not paid or claimed—a very important factor, it seems to me, in estimating the true relation of dues and benefits.

"Our Rebekah Lodges, with a few notable exceptions, it must be admitted, are in a very dormant condition. It is to be hoped that the recent order of the Grand Lodge to require regular and prompt reports will bring life to some, but cannot be expected of all."

WYOMING—Bro. H. ALTMAN, R. W. Grand Secretary, mailed the report of the Grand Lodge on the 30th of January, which reached this office February 12. Nine Lodges are reported and a slight increase in membership, our brother advising that "harmony and good feeling prevail throughout the Territory."

No special advices have been received from Bro. W. L. KUYKENDALL, D. D. Grand Sire, but the reports from Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, and Hope No. 2, exhibit a slight gain in membership. Bro. JOHN A. FISCHER, deputised by Bro. KUYKENDALL to attend to matters at Laramie, writes concerning Wyoming Encampment, No. 1, that "we may well feel proud of the favorable exhibit made in the report. Bro. KUYKENDALL has been in the 'Black Hills' since last November, and has requested me to forward the report and dues, which I now transmit to you."

The foregoing abstracts from the home correspondence, presented without comment, exhibit the true condition of the Order in the United States and the adjacent Provinces of Canada. In some of the jurisdictions the progress has been as remarkable as it is gratifying, and while in several cases a loss of membership is deplored, it will be seen that nowhere are the brethren depressed, but all speak of the check of initiations as something that was anticipated. They look forward confidently to a revival of the business interests of the country to bring a corresponding improvement to be marked by large accessions of membership.

#### FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.

AUSTRALIA—Since the introduction of the Order under our system to foreign countries, its character and usefulness as a public benefaction has not only been widely diffused and appreciated, but its principles and their application for the special mission to which they have been so admirably adapted, have been put in practice in contrast with those of other beneficial organizations.

Our system has uniformly found favor wherever it has had a fair opportunity of comparison, and its progress has been all that we could reasonably expect. In Australia, especially, such has been our experience, notwithstanding the peculiar manner and character of its origin, the difficulties attending its advent to that vast domain, the natural impediments growing out of its isolated and distant location from the parent country; the irregular and tedious correspondence, and the serious competition with it in that jurisdiction of other kindred societies. As at present organized, two colonial Grand Lodges, with one or two Subordinate Lodges in other colonies comprise our Order in Australasia, viz.: the

Grand Lodge of Australia, located at Melbourne, and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, at Dunedin. It was contemplated by Grand Sire SANDERS in 1868, that this jurisdiction should be organized by the formation of a Grand Lodge of the entire continent and its appendages or contiguous territories under the British crown. To which end he sent special instructions to Special Deputy Grand Sire MEACHAM, who was charged with the commission to institute a Supreme Grand Lodge for Australia, and accordingly a Charter of that character was issued. (Journal, 4286, 4295).

Instead of obeying these instructions, it appears that the Grand Lodge of "Victoria" then in existence at the city of Melbourne, was bodily received under our jurisdiction with all its Subordinates. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was formed and the two jurisdictions, numbering 40 Subordinate Lodges with 1976 members were recognized. (Journal, 4293). This organization has since continued, and has tacitly been accepted and acquiesced in, in entire derogation of the system carefully arranged and contemplated by the Grand Lodge of the United States. Thus, in my judgment, has the progress and proper development of the Order in Australia been seriously checked.

It is a subject of serious consideration whether this mistake should not at once be corrected. The Grand Charter issued by Grand Sire SANDERS was received by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, and although accepted, it is understood that the Grand Body did not accordingly assume jurisdiction co-extensive with the grant, but has confined its jurisdiction to the Colony of "Victoria." Application was made by D. D. Grand Sire MEACHAM to correct the "so-called" error, as to extent of jurisdiction, but it was peremptorily refused by Grand Sire FARNSWORTH in the following words:

"No error has been committed; the predominant idea of the Grand Lodge of the United States in extending the Order to foreign countries has ever been the diffusion of its benign principles, by scattering them broadcast throughout the earth, and not the acquisition of enlarged jurisdiction; hence, as early as 1844, the suggestion in the report of the Grand Secretary in relation to Odd Fellowship in the then Republic of Texas, "that upon the formation of Grand Lodges in foreign countries, the interests of Odd Fellowship would be much promoted by recognizing such organizations as distinct sovereignties (*quasi*, exercising independent powers," was adopted by the Grand Lodge, and applied in the organization of the Grand Lodge of British North America, by erecting that Grand Lodge into a sovereignty. (Journal, 693, 854, 933, 4463).

The Grand Lodge of "Victoria," as transferred to our Order by its authorities through Special Deputy Grand Sire MEACHAM, still exists, and in fact the Grand Lodge of Australia, as contemplated and chartered, has never been formed. The Grand Lodge of New Zealand, instead of having been made subordinate to the Supreme Grand Lodge of Australia, was also instituted by Special Deputy Grand Sire MEACHAM, under warrant issued by him as Special Deputy of the G. L. of U. S. in error, and at this late day it complains that its organization does not appear to have been formally recognized by the G. L. of U. S.

[By reference to Journal of 1869, p. 4605, it will be seen that Special Deputy Grand Sire A. D. MEACHAM was accredited a representative "from the Grand Lodge of Victoria, Australia, and the Grand Encampment of Victoria; also from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand," and at the same session the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was amended and approved, (Journal, 4636, 4673), which appears to have been an error].

It is true that our correspondence with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand has been irregular and limited, in view of our entire misconception of the state of affairs, relating to the government of the Order thus irregularly introduced by Special Deputy Grand Sire MEACHAM. More recently the true condition has appeared and our correspondence has been earnestly directed to correcting the errors which have been made in this respect, and of returning the system to its original intendment. Our correspondence in Australia during the year has been chiefly in this direction, and I respectfully ask that this special subject

receive the earnest attention of the G. L. of the U. S. From J. H. B. CURTIS, Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge at Melbourne, in Victoria; from P. G. M. JOHN MOIR, late D. D. Grand Sire for that jurisdiction, and from G. M. JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, of New Zealand, several interesting letters have been received, a condensed abstract of the contents of which, and of the several replies to them is respectfully submitted:

*From J. H. B. Curtis, Grand Secretary, Melbourne, August 5, 1876, received October 16.* He acknowledges receipt of letter dated May 5; refers to the death of Grand Secretary VINE; the subject of a special commissioner to Australia, expressing the opinion "that in due time there will be found a means of carrying the project into effect without expense to either jurisdiction," and believes "there can be no question that a man of real ability, blest with true zeal and singleness of purpose, and having leisure for such a work of love, might do very much to stimulate the sacred cause and make us approximate proportionally to that acknowledged pitch of greatness which the Order has achieved for itself in America through the intelligence, industry and philanthropy of the officers and brothers in general." One reason for their "seemingly slow rate of progression," is stated to be "that the competition with kindred societies is here very great, and there always seems a disposition in human nature to give to him who already hath."

To the above the Grand Secretary replied, on the 16th of October, that "With me a special commissioner, eminently qualified for the position, has for several years been a paramount idea. Having long ago, when in England (1842) as special commissioner for the Grand Lodge of the United States, witnessed the good and the evil of the Manchester Unity system, I feel assured that if the American system could have fair play and an open field with it that the odds will be decidedly ours. I feel like sentiments in regard to the competition anywhere, especially if the people and Government are intelligent, thrifty and well-to-do generally. True, the Manchester Unity has been greatly improved financially within the last few years, but nothing has been added to elevate or purify its *morale*, the social idea being still prominent in combination with the mutual assurance principle. \* \* It may now be regarded as a model *beneficial* institution, so far as pecuniary safety in the investment made is involved. Our Order has very different aspirations, whilst it is by no means insensible to the value of the beneficial feature. We rejoice in your prosperity, and cherish the hope that Odd Fellowship will continue by its intrinsic worth, to challenge the approval of all whose hearts sympathize with an improved and uplifted humanity as one of the highest evidences of christian civilization."

*From Grand Secretary Ridgely to J. H. B. Curtis, Grand Secretary, October 26, 1876,* acknowledging receipt of the printed proceedings of the session of the Grand Lodge of Australia, at Ballarat, August 15, 16 and 17, 1876, and referring to the recent session of the G. L. U. S. and incidents of the occasion.

*From J. H. B. Curtis, Grand Secretary, Melbourne, September 4, 1876, received November 13,* referring to their twenty-third Annual Communication, at Ballarat, August 15, 16 and 17, remarking:

"Everything passed off very harmoniously, and the feeling of Odd Fellowship was very warmly manifested despite the coldness of the weather. I dare say you will be surprised to hear that we had a fall of snow during the session; many of the old colonists amongst the Representatives had not seen such a thing for years. Our present Most Worthy Grand Master is Bro. HUGH Ross, of Ballarat, a very intelligent and zealous Odd Fellow, who has for some years been Secretary of one of the Ballarat Lodges.

"There is a little difference of opinion amongst us as to who is the proper custodian of the book containing the secret work. Perhaps you will be kind enough to let us know in whose charge it should be.

"I forward you by this same mail our Journal of proceedings, I wish I could have had it ready in time to reach you at Philadelphia. We are anxiously looking forward to the pleasure we shall have in reading the account of all

your grand doings. I imagine that your Journal will be larger than ever, and your own labor greater too."

A reply to the above was mailed on the 20th of November, and the subject of the custody of the secret work and diagrams, referred to also by Bro. JOHN MOIR, in a letter dated Geelong, September 5, (Bro. CURTIS, Grand Secretary, not having the Grand Encampment Degree,) was referred to the M. W. Grand Sire, who made a reply which he will doubtless submit.

The Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, of the session held at Ballarat, 15th, 16th and 17th August, 1876, has been received. The Grand Encampment also met at the same time. Both Grand Bodies were numerously attended, and held harmonious sessions. Among other interesting resolutions, the following was passed and specially transmitted to this Grand Lodge:

"Resolved, That the hearty congratulations of this R. W. Grand Lodge be sent to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, in view of the Centennial Commemoration; and also that we express the great debt of gratitude that we owe to the G. L. of the U. S. for having transmitted to the Australian jurisdiction the Book of Diagrams and the secret work of the two branches of the Order."

I present the printed Journal for 1876, received from this Grand Lodge, and recommend its reference to a committee.

I am indebted to Grand Secretary J. H. B. CURTIS, for several other letters during the year, of the following dates: September 21, received December 13, acknowledging the receipt of working books, etc.; December 11, received January 20, informing us of the institution of a new Lodge in New South Wales, a sister Colony (by what Grand Lodge the Charter was granted does not appear). Ninety candidates were initiated upon the night of the opening. Also informing us of the opening of several other Lodges, and recommending the formation of other Grand Lodges. This letter is full of interest, and is worthy of special attention. One of November 9, received February 7, inquiring into the character of their Grand Charter and the powers it confers; one of November 6, received February 8, which, owing to its importance, is presented in full, as follows:

"I have the honor to acknowledge yours of the 16th August, 1876, and in reply I have to state that I brought the matter before the Standing Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge at its meeting this day. I have been directed to reply, as follows:

1. That nothing could be further from the mind of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia than to wish to do anything contrary to the letter, or even the spirit of the Charter granted by the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. That in issuing the "clearances" to which you alluded, we saw nothing contrary to our Charter.

3. We were quite aware that the State Grand Lodges of America were obliged to receive their clearances from the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, but we have always thought that Foreign Jurisdictions enjoyed privileges not usually conferred on State Grand Lodges.

4. That the clearance cards were issued whilst the late D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. HENRY VINE, was Grand Secretary, and were approved of by him.

5. That a very large stock of the clearances has been printed at very great expense, and that it would be a serious loss to this jurisdiction if you should decide that it is illegal for us to use them.

6. That we are quite willing to use your forms of clearance for brothers going to America.

I trust, dear sir and brother, that the G. L. of the U. S. may decide that our Charter allows us, from its special character, to issue such clearances, even as we do members' diplomas and many other such documents. All other friendly societies here have such power, and with every desire to be obedient to lawful authority, I feel confident that it would be the cause of a great deal of dissatis-

faction amongst the most intelligent portion of the Order if the G. L. U. S. should decide that we have no power to issue any clearances except those supplied by you.

(The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary referred to this subject in his report of last year.—*See Journal*, pp. 6804, 6867.)

Other letters from Grand Secretary CURTIS were received as follows: January 24, received April 3, referring to the subject of the custody of the secret work and diagrams and the letter of the Grand Sire in relation thereto. A very lengthy document, dated February 19, received April 28, from which I quote, as a matter of interest, as follows:

"The Order in Victoria obtained charters for its Lodges from Sydney in the first instance. It was then styled the 'Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows.' Subsequently it obtained from the same source a charter for a Grand Lodge. The Order continued to exist under this charter until we affiliated with the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States." He then gives a copy of the charter issued by the G. L. U. S., dated June 3, 1868, (*See Journal*, p. 4295) and remarks: "In the 'warrant,' which had been previously given by special Deputy Grand Sire, Bro. A. D. MEACHAM, bearing date February 22, 1868, the Grand Lodge is styled, 'R. W. Grand Lodge of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Victoria.' The designation '*Ancient*,' you will perceive, was still retained, owing, I believe, to some legal difficulty."

He then replies in detail to certain questions propounded, explaining some matters in relation to the Order heretofore imperfectly understood. The letter is interesting, and should receive the special attention of the committee having charge of the subject. February 21, received April 30, with draft in settlement of account. April 16, received June 23, from which I quote as follows:

"Since my last letter to you, dated February 19, I have ascertained that the charter of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand was issued by *our Grand Lodge*, and I am assured by several Past Grand Officers that Bro. MEACHAM gave our Grand Lodge to understand that the Grand Lodge of the United States had endowed our Grand Lodge with ample power to do so. I have no doubt, if there has been any error in the matter, it will be rectified by you. I am convinced that it would be a source of congratulation to every Odd Fellow in Australia if we could look forward to the time when we shall have a higher tribunal here, composed of Representatives from the various Grand Lodges of Australia, Tasmania and New Zealand. It might very appropriately be called the 'GRAND LODGE OF AUSTRALASIA.' We should thus carry out the idea contained in your letter.

"Concerning the 'clearances' issued by our R. W. Grand Lodge, I am sure that the Standing Committee will carry out your wishes. We have several of your clearance forms on hand, and I can assure you that it was through no mercenary spirit that we had 'forms' of our own printed. In fact, I believe, they cost us more than you propose to charge for them.

"You will be glad to hear that a Lodge was opened in Newcastle, the chief town of a great coal district in the neighboring colony of New South Wales. They initiated about sixty candidates on the opening night, and there are thirty or forty more proposed."

May 14, received July 14, refers to the proceedings of the Standing Committee at their meeting, May 7, when the subject of "clearance cards," brought before the committee by the letter of Grand Secretary RIDGELY, dated February 7, was considered, and it was "decided to postpone the consideration of the subject, on account of its great importance, till the next session of the R. W. Grand Lodge." Bro. CURTIS calls attention to the resolution of the Grand Lodge concerning the formation of a Grand Lodge in New South Wales, in which it is agreed that on the establishment of such Grand Lodge, the G. L. of Australia will refund to the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, "all the moneys that shall have been contributed to the Funeral Fund of our Grand Lodge by such Subordinate Lodges in New South Wales as shall be transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of New South Wales, after having deducted from said moneys contributed to our

Funeral Fund all sums that shall up to that time have been paid for funeral donations of members or their wives," which he considers very equitable. I quote from his letter the following:

"We are endeavoring to open a Lodge in the city of Adelaide, which is the capital of one of the grand divisions of Australia, known as '*South Australia*.' I am sure you will not be offended with me for being so exact as to its topography. I know that *you* are pretty familiar with our geography, but all the readers of our letters as printed in the Journal of Proceedings may not have the same advantage. It is a very great drawback to us not to have Lodges in all the leading towns of each of the divisions of Australia, but it is not so easy to realize this as our brothers in America may imagine. Each division of Australia has a government of its own, each being almost as distinct from the other as your own grand Republic is from the English Monarchy or the Dominion of Canada. All true Australians are longing for the time when the whole of the 'Divisions' will be federated under one central government. I believe that the opening of Lodges in the various divisions, all having the same ritual, etc., all animated by the same holy motives, all speaking to their children in the same beautiful language, will be a very great help towards bringing about this desired result. I therefore hope that I shall soon be able to inform you that a Lodge has been opened in the metropolis of South Australia."

A recent letter from Bro. CURTIS, dated June 11th, was received August 18th, acknowledging letter from this office, dated April 5th, referring to the subject of the powers of the G. L. of Australia, and advising of the institution of "a very good Lodge at Adelaide, the metropolis of South Australia, on Saturday, June 2d." He also says: "Our present Grand Master, Bro. HUGH Ross, deserves very great praise for the manner in which he has exerted himself to spread the Order. The Lodge in Adelaide was opened through the instrumentality of Bro. JOHN JONES, who displayed great energy and tact, and deserves to have his name mentioned with honor. It is highly probable that three or four more Lodges will be opened in South Australia within a few months.

"I will place your letter before the Standing Committee at its next meeting, but I scarcely think that any action will be taken in the matter until we shall have Grand Lodges in New South Wales and Adelaide."

The mail of August 30 brought a letter from Bro. CURTIS, dated July 23, from which I extract the following:

"I quite agree with you that there is a state of confusion as to the system of government between the two jurisdictions, but I have no doubt that it will be an easy and agreeable task to reduce it to order. I have no doubt that our Grand Lodge will consider the matter at its forthcoming session, August 21, which is to be held in Melbourne, and for which I am now busy preparing.

"You will, I know, be delighted to hear that we have now four good Lodges opened in the sister colony of South Australia, and that a fifth is being organized. They will then, I presume, apply for a charter for a Grand Lodge. I do not know whether our Grand Lodge will issue such charter, as was done with the Grand Lodge of New Zealand. I shall not advise such a course."

An examination of the printed minutes of the Standing Committee, shows that "the Loyal Victoria Lodge, No. 2, New South Wales, had been opened at New Castle on 23d March, and the Loyal Hawthorn Lodge, No. 92, Victoria, had been opened on 21st February." It was ordered, "that the tablet to the memory of Bro. HENRY VINE, P. G. M., be erected forthwith." The receipt of the Journal of Proceedings of the R. W. G. Lodge of the United States (session of 1876) was acknowledged.

The Order in Australasia, at the last advices, consisted of the				
Grand Lodge of Australia, Colony of Victoria.....	44	Lodges,	2510	members
New South Wales.....	2	"	160	"
Tasmania.....	3	"	180	"
Grand Lodge of New Zealand.....	17	"	800	"
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Total .....	66	"	3650	"

The correspondence with P. G. M. MOIR, of Geelong, comprises letter of 5th September (received November 13), referring to the meeting of the G. L. at Ballarat, and also of the Grand Encampment, on the 15th of August, at the same place. The Patriarchal Branch was there represented in a prosperous condition. This letter also communicates the intelligence that there had been an Encampment opened at Dunedin, New Zealand, working under the Grand Encampment of Victoria, which was an irregular proceeding, the jurisdiction of that Grand Encampment being necessarily limited to Victoria. From this brother two other letters, dated December 27 (received February 26), and January 24 (received March 24), were received, relating to his office as D. D. G. Sire, and his right of tenure thereto, to which the M. W. G. Sire especially replied, vacating the same, upon the ground of the existence of a Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment in the jurisdiction.

An important letter has also been received from G. M. JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, of Dunedin, New Zealand, (dated January 28, received March 16, 1877), representing his official position as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, detailing his experience in the Order for eleven years, his earnest efforts in its behalf, the labor endured and persistent ambition of the brethren of the jurisdiction to carry forward the work. This letter is interesting and instructive, showing how they have struggled to maintain their existence against what they consider a positive neglect and desertion on the part of this Grand Body no correspondence whatever having been had with the G. L. of the U. S. by that Grand Body. A detailed answer to this letter was written on the 3d of April, with the approval of the M. W. G. Sire, by the Grand Corresponding Secretary, referring to the unfortunate cause which brought about this state of things, arising from the mistake made in the organization of two Subordinate Grand Lodges in Victoria and New Zealand, instead of, as was designed, constituting Australasia one Grand Jurisdiction. I also recommended that the two Grand Jurisdictions would harmonize in establishing the Grand Lodge of Australasia, and each become subordinate thereto.

On the 8th of June, a further letter from Bro. BRAITHWAITE, dated April 30, came to hand. He acknowledges receipt of letters from this office of the 23d of January, and promises a reply to the same by next mail.

The mail of August 3 brought a letter from Grand Master BRAITHWAITE, dated Dunedin, May 30, 1877, acknowledging receipt of the Grand Lodge Journal and expressing the opinion of the standing committee on the status of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, from which we extract as follows:

"The Grand Lodge of New Zealand was, previous to 1869, under the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., as a 'District body,' contributing dues to the 'General Management Fund,' etc. When Bro. MEACHAM, Special Deputy Grand Sire, from America, arrived, an alteration took place, the Grand Lodge of Victoria *releasing us entirely* from all subordination to them whatever, including monetary dues to the above funds, and further consented and allowed us, by charter, to be created into an independent Grand Lodge, having power co-equal to themselves. This act was effected by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., and not by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F. To confirm this, I forward to you a copy of our old laws, in which you will find a preamble containing a *fac simile* of the powers granted in our charter, also the date on which that event took place. It was some time after this charter was granted that the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., changed its name to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F. For the sake of uniformity, and being affiliated with your Order, we in our turn promulgated, about the same time, the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I. O. O. F. \* \* \*

"You say that Grand Sire SANDERS instructed Bro. MEACHAM to erect into a distinct sovereignty the various Lodges existing in *Australia*, by the title of the Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F., with powers in all matters relating to Odd Fellowship *within said Province*. Now, as there were Lodges existing here, and therefore outside of *said Province*, when these instructions were given,

and as the Lodges *in Australia only are designated* for operation upon, also seeing that New Zealand is separated from Australia by about 1200 miles of sea, and further that New Zealand is an entirely separate island and colony, we think that Bro. MEACHAM could hardly have done anything else under the circumstances, especially with the additional fact that the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., had granted us *a thorough and complete release* from their jurisdiction, leaving us subordinate only to the G. L. U. S., being equivalent to the status held by your State Grand Lodges, which position we deemed the Grand Lodge of Australia held also. There are only two Grand Lodges in these waters, viz:—the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia and the R. W. Grand Lodge of New Zealand.

"For the sake of perpetuating uniformity in all matters relating to the general welfare, we believe that there should be only *one 'Supreme Body'*, consisting of Grand Representatives from all State, Territorial and Colonial Grand Lodges. \* \* \* We think the creation of more than one 'Supreme Body' in our Order will, in the future, lead to confliction over some of the multifarious matters that will yet crop out."

Bro. BRAITHWAITE holds the opinion that many other subjects of equal importance to the rights reserved by the G. L. U. S. will "demand the legislation and final decision of only one Supreme Body, so as to carry out uniformity wherever the Order exists." That a "clearance or withdrawal card should be universally applicable;" and he states that "some of our members having a different card to yours, when visiting America, with the greatest difficulty effected an entrance to your Lodges, and in some instances they were refused admittance. This has caused considerable dissatisfaction, and we would respectfully suggest that in the meantime our cards be recognized if the brothers presenting them, are, after careful examination, proved to be members of the Order, as after all, the knowledge of the secret work, etc., is one of the best tests of membership when visiting. It is perhaps, to be regretted, that we have no direct representation in the G. L. U. S. at its annual sessions, on account of the distance, loss of time and expense that would be entailed; but exactly the same result would be experienced if we sent a Representative to a Supreme Grand Lodge of Australasia, on account of the distance by sea. We fail to perceive that any material advantage is to be gained by constituting a Supreme Grand Lodge for the continent of Australasia, embracing the control of the Grand Lodges throughout Australia and New Zealand, and to have such powers as stated in your letters now under discussion."

The letter contains much more in opposition to a Grand Lodge of Australasia, claiming that the expense attending the organization of such a Body as proposed, is an additional objection, holding that it is their policy to do "the most practical good at the least possible expense." The proper direction and management of financial affairs is the paramount question in all Friendly Societies, by which their success or failure will be tested in the future. \* \* \* We are pleased to observe that the question of "dues and benefits" is engaging the serious attention of the G. L. U. S., and we hope the outcome will be to promulgate a system that will confer equitable rights upon Lodges and members individually. \* \* \* The "Sick Fund" and the "Funeral Fund" should be contributed to separately, on the graduated principle (certified to by one actuary), according to age at which a member joins. These funds should be kept *entirely distinct*, and nothing appropriated therefrom for any other purpose whatever, except for *sick pay* and *funeral donations*; every other expense should be contributed to independently, and met by a fund called the "Management Fund," the contributions to which would necessarily vary in every Lodge. \* \* \* Lodges could send the *Sick and Funeral Dues* received from members to a central authority, which should disburse the Sick and Funeral Benefits to the members contributing. This would assure the payment of benefits to members, as promised to them when they joined, and would prevent many Lodges from dissolving. \* \* \* Charitable

relief funds are necessary and could be contributed to separately. \* \* \* As the members increase in age our liabilities are proportionately increased; let us therefore, be just before we are generous, and reserve by every possible means sufficient funds to meet all our Sick and Funeral engagements in the future, and so hand our Order down to posterity in such a shape that its success will be forever perpetuated. \* \* \* The sentiments concerning "Funds" are personal ideas; on other subjects they are in substance the opinions of our Standing Committee."

Bro. BRAITHWAITE inquires about the revised rituals, which it appears have not been introduced into the New Zealand Lodges, and he concludes:

"In all matters written herewith we are only actuated with a desire to promote the best interests of our noble Order, and a wish to approach the G. L. of the U. S. with feelings of loyalty and devotion."

A further letter dated May 31st, refers to the title, "Most Worthy Grand Sire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire," asking: "Is this a missprint, and should there not be only *one* Most Worthy Grand Sire over the *whole* Order? If the above is not a mistake, then what special reason was there for creating a Most Worthy Grand Sire for that portion of the Order and not doing it elsewhere?

"To prevent confusion of titles, authority, etc., (which often occurs now), we respectfully suggest that the G. L. U. S. should change its name to something more cosmopolitan and distinctive so as to imply what it really is, *viz*: the "*Supreme Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*" throughout the world, with officers entitled the same as now in the G. L. U. S.; also that every other R. W. G. Lodge should be entirely subordinate, etc., as your State Grand Lodges, \* \* \* We feel proud of belonging to our Order, when by its influence, noble sentiments could be expressed such as pervaded the orations of those eminent brothers on the Centennial Day at Philadelphia."

To the letters of 30th and 31st of May, the following reply was sent:

I. O. O. F.  
OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,  
R. W. G. L. U. S.  
Baltimore, Md., August 22d, 1877.

JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE,

*M. W. G. M. G. L. New Zealand, I. O. O. F.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of 30th and 31st May, 1877, are received. These communications inform me, in answer to my inquiries and suggestions of 2d January, and 3d April previously, as to the status and history of the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, I. O. O. F., and its Charter, that as an Order of Odd Fellows "it was affiliated with the Grand Lodge of" Victoria, A. I. O. O. F., "as a District Body, and contributed every quarter to its general management fund." That when D. D. G. Sire MEACHAM arrived from America an alteration took place, the G. L. of Victoria releasing you entirely from all subordination, and consented and allowed you to be created into an Independent Grand Lodge, with power co-equal to itself, and that, not by the R. W. G. L. of Australia. That sometime after this concession was made, *the G. L. of Australia, I. O. O. F.*, took this name and was formed out of the G. L. of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F. That thus being only subordinate to the G. L. of U. S. you occupied the position by consent of the G. L. of Victoria, equivalent to the status held by our State G. Lodges, and that "Bro. MEACHAM could hardly have done anything else, under the circumstances, than what he did." That he therefore constituted the Grand Lodge of Victoria and the Grand Lodge of New Zealand co equal Grand Lodges for their respective jurisdictions, especially as the G. L. of Victoria had given her complete release to your Grand Lodge, and assent to your formation into a separate jurisdiction. These facts are all new to us, and we have been acting upon the conviction that you and the G. L. of Victoria were federated and constituted the present G. L. of Australia, at Melbourne,

hence we have had no direct intercourse or correspondence. On this subject, my letter of this same date is full, and I will not enlarge. You inform me that under this form and history of organization there are now only two co-equal G. Lodges in Australasia, and you proceed to express your dissent from my idea of the formation of a Supreme G. L. for Australasia, and the federation of the Colonial Grand Lodges of the country. I have only to repeat what I have already said, that the G. L. of Australia, as now styled by its charter by the G. Lodge of U. S., was intended to be a Supreme Grand Lodge for the entire realm or political division known as Australasia, and that D. D. G. Sire MEACHAM entirely mistook and misrepresented his powers and special instructions in the course pursued, as recited by you, the consequence of which, is the present confusion and conflict of views. The example of the status of the M. Unity to its subordinates does not apply to a federative system of government. That body recognizes no national or colonial independence, but claims supremacy all over the world over its subordinates, all of which derive *direct* charters from her. Not so with the American Order. It recognizes and creates independent jurisdiction, with limited powers defined in their charters, which, with the exception of the powers limited, are absolute and independent. Such being the vital difference in the case, neither your argument nor the example put, apply. Hence none of the difficulties which you name can arise; nor do we aspire to supremacy of jurisdiction over the world. Your elaborate letter, and its arguments on this subject, will be submitted, however, to the G. L. of U. S., and will, no doubt, have respectful consideration. I think, however, I may venture the opinion that its present position of establishing independent jurisdictions out of foreign nations and peoples will be adhered to, reserving always to herself exclusive right to the name, ritual, and working machinery known as "*Cards*," so as to facilitate universality of visitation and intercourse. In your case an exception might be made, in consequence of your distance from Australia, and its inaccessibility, and your formation into a separate jurisdiction. I forbear further to discuss this question, leaving the G. L. of U. S. to form and express its own opinion thereon, to which I shall submit the correspondence. Touching the financial question, to which you refer, we agree with you that it is now the paramount question with all beneficial societies, and we thank you for inviting our attention to it. We appreciate your views on the subject, as well taken and instructive, and shall endeavor to profit by them. Touching the expense of introducing the new charge books, I answer: The additional expense is set forth in my letter of this day to be fifty cents per copy. I have to acknowledge the receipt of copy of your new laws, also your last annual proceedings, and accept the opinions upon the subjects discussed given by your committee, as well as your individual opinion, with high respect. A copy of your letter of 29th January, I send herewith. Before I close, I cannot forbear adding a word in reply to yours of May 31, 1877. You refer to the title of "*M. W. G. Sire of the R. W. G. L. of the German Empire*," and ask: "Is this a misprint; and should there not be only *one* M. W. G. Sire over the whole Order?" I reply that I have already described the vital difference between the extent of direct jurisdiction of the M. U. and that of the G. L. of the U. S. One is a federated representative body; the other an absolute and consolidated one hence, you are misled. The style is not a misprint, but is strictly correct. Each foreign jurisdiction is *quasi* independent and sovereign in our system.

Yours fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

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A letter from L. K. BRADBURY, C. P. of Ballarat Encampment, No. 2, P. G. and Secretary of Library Committee, dated Ballarat, May 28, 1877, was received July 6, requesting information concerning the publications of the Order, as they "feel desirous of becoming subscribers to some periodicals or newspapers

printed in our interest, believing they would be conducive of great good." A list of all papers and magazines of the Order now published, was at once forwarded, and in response to the request for printed documents of the Order, copies of the "Semi-Centennial Celebration, Philadelphia, 1869;" "Final Report of Chicago Relief Committee, 1871;" "Eulogy on THOMAS WILDEY, P. G. Sire, 1862;" and "Odd Fellowship—What is it?" were mailed to Bro. BRADBURY.

These several letters, together with the office letter book, containing copies of the respective answers made thereto, are herewith submitted. I regret that all the original correspondence does not appear, as a full disclosure of the several subjects, briefly presented in this abstract, would be much more satisfactory. The entire correspondence will doubtless be analyzed by the committee to which it is referred, and will be carefully examined and reported upon. Australia is perhaps one of the largest and most interesting of our Foreign Jurisdictions. I have always so described it in my annual reports. In view of this fact and of our very vague and unsatisfactory relations with that Brotherhood arising out of the irregular manner of starting the Order in that country, our uncertainty as to the correctness of the work, our want of satisfactory information as to the system of government which prevails there, I have advocated from time to time the appointment of a special commissioner to visit the jurisdiction, in order that irregularities and defects of work might be discovered and adjusted, and that full and satisfactory instructions might be delivered, and especially that the proper form of government might be introduced. I still think that a commissioner properly qualified for such a service would be a great acquisition, and that the advantages to be derived from his labors to the Order would largely exceed the cost of his mission. In fact, at this juncture, it will be necessary to organize the Grand Lodge of Australia under a new grand charter, and to modify the present charter of the Order in the colony of Victoria in the matter of its name, and this special service alone may require the presence of a special commissioner fully qualified to inaugurate these important changes.

This country known as Australasia (*i. e.* Southern Asia), part of Oceanica, comprises Australia or New Holland, Tasmania or Van Dieman Land, New Zealand, and parts of the Malay Archipelago and Polynesia and the islands adjacent. Its area is estimated at 3,425,000 square miles and its population at 4,365,000, of which Australia alone is the largest island in the world, and is often designated as a continent of itself. It contains an area of 2,976,000 square miles; population, 1,565,290; it is divided into six colonies or political communities, such as our State Governments, and presents an admirable field as an entire jurisdiction. The colonies are New South Wales, Victoria, South Australia, Queensland, Western Australia, North Australia. From the progress of the Order already made, from the character and energy of the membership, from the general intelligence, refinement and business habits of the people, and from the rapidly growing commercial, agricultural and manufacturing industries of the country, I have no doubt that when the form of government of the Order is properly reconstructed in Australasia it will become in a few years one of our finest Foreign Grand Jurisdictions. All the circumstances which surround this field of Odd Fellowship are most favorable, and strongly appeal to the Grand Lodge of the United States to foster the earnest spirit of zeal and energy which inspires the membership, and to encourage, by favorable legislation, the early development of its abundant capabilities. Herewith, I submit the situation in the jurisdictions of Victoria and New Zealand, which continue to be highly favorable.

Twenty-third session of the Grand Lodge of Australia, held at Ballarat, August 15, 16 and 17, 1876.

The Lodges in the colony of Victoria are numbered from No. 1 to 89, inclusive, and in Tasmania from No. 1 to 3, inclusive.

Membership, March 31, 1876, Victoria, 41 Lodges.....	2387
Membership, March 31, 1876, Tasmania, 3 Lodges.....	153

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Total.....	2540
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Year ending December 31, 1876.

Assets of the 41 Lodges in Victoria.....	\$41,368
Paid to sick members.....	9,653
Total receipts.....	36,549
The Funeral Fund is contributed by the Subordinates to the Grand Lodge, which receives and disburses the same.	
Amount thus paid by the Grand Lodge.....	\$3,050
Amount paid by Lodges to the sick.....	9,653

Total relief for the year.....	\$12,703
Balance General Funeral Fund of the Grand Lodge, June 30, 1876.....	19,400
Balance Grand Lodge Fund, June 30, 1876.....	16,330
Balance Hall and Asylum Fund, June 30, 1876.....	2,856

NEW ZEALAND—Bro. JOSEPH BRAITHWAITE, Grand Master, in his letter dated Dunedin, January 27, 1877, says:

"The Order here has been making steady progress, comprising seventeen Lodges to date, with about 800 financial members, and with funds to credit representing about £8 per member," (say \$40.00).

From the printed Journals of the 13th and 14th Annual Sessions, held August 23–27 and September 1, 1875, and September 18, 19, 20, 22, October 4 and 11, 1876, we compile the following, converting their currency into dollars and cents:

	June 30, 1875.	June 30, 1876.
Number of Lodges.....	14	15
Number of members.....	600	650
Funeral Fund held by Grand Lodge.....	\$2,483	\$3,753
Incidental or Management Fund.....	561	537
Aggregate value of Lodge funds.....	12,600	15,000
Expended during the year for sickness.....	975	635
Expended during the year for funerals.....	150	425
Total relief.....	\$1,125	\$1,060

Twenty Lodges have been instituted, four dissolved, and one amalgamated, leaving fifteen working.

Grand Master BRAITHWAITE, in his report to the Grand Lodge, says:

"I would ask members who remove to places where our Order does not exist, to lose no time in causing new branches to be opened, and thus show that they are prepared to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship. \* \* \* I hold it to be the primary duty of our Grand Masters to endeavor, by every legitimate means, to take the initiative in starting new Lodges, and not wait until applications come in, as I know by personal experience which is the best method; in fact, the actual practice of the former system is a necessary adjunct to our progress. \* \* \* Visitations of Grand Lodge Officers to Subordinate Lodges are an essential element in the general progress of the Order. \* \* \* Leith Lodge has built a double-story building worth about \$7,500; the Star of Canterbury, one costing about \$5,000, and Pioneer, our parent in New Zealand, has decided to build a hall, which will be commenced shortly. Unity Lodge, South Dunedin, is also trying to secure a piece of ground for a similar object.

\* \* \* With great pleasure I congratulate the Order upon the possession of the two handsome structures which have been erected during the past term for the purposes of Odd Fellowship. \* \* \* An Encampment has been instituted, as directed by the Grand Lodge previous to my occupancy of the Grand Master's chair. This branch is a valuable acquisition to the Order, and is full of expressive teachings, combining the Keystone to Odd Fellowship. Its progress here is steady, and I trust to see every Fifth Degree member in the Order have the ambition to get the three degrees of the Encampment conferred upon him. \* \* \* I wrote to America (for insertion in the *Odd Fellows' Magazine*), inquiring as to the cause of our members not being able to visit Lodges in America, without being put to great inconve-

nience, and with a view of having the difficulties (if any) removed. I feel pleased to observe, by the report of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, also by private letters, that Bro. McGAW, one of our oldest P. G. M's, is still taking an active interest in our Order there, and has promised to become a medium of communication between us and the Order in America."

It will seem strange to American Odd Fellows that a Grand Lodge should have any jurisdiction in relation to Encampments, and the error of system practiced will thus appear.

Bro. BRAITHWAITE has made an efficient Grand Master, and was complimented by a unanimous re-election to the office.

The following was adopted:

*"Resolved,* That the Standing Committee open up direct communication with the Supreme Grand Lodge U. S."

The following appears among the special notices:

"Section 79, Rules and Regulations, imposes a fine of one guinea on Secretaries not sending in their returns in proper time. This law will be rigidly enforced."

Their Journal contains several pages of extracts from the Journal of the G. L. U. S., session of 1875, and is a handsomely printed pamphlet, evidently prepared with great care. Of the fifteen Lodges, four are located at hotels, three at Odd Fellows' halls, and the remainder at town halls, school rooms, etc.

The progress in membership is stated as follows:

1863	1864	1865	1866	1867	1868	1869	1870	1871	1872	1873	1874	1875	1876
					216	316	332	352	378	409	590	650	

BARBADOS—In my last annual report, I brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge the subject of introducing our Order through this Island to the West Indies generally, and in that connection submitted a correspondence had with Messrs. ROBERT JAMES CLINCKETT and EDMUND ISAAC BAEZA, on behalf of a number of members of St. Michael's Lodge, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, expressing their desire to be united to our Order. Regarding this movement as important, coming as it did from a quarter of the world in which a large population was domiciled, embracing for the most part commercial and agricultural interests, and necessarily large business centres, and from the Manchester Unity Order, which had already diffused its Lodges in that region, I treated the application with great respect. The result of the correspondence was, that the brother with whom it was had, agreed to visit the "Centennial," at Philadelphia, where he hoped to consummate the annexation of his Lodge with our Order or the obtention of a charter for a new Lodge. He failed, however, to visit the "Centennial," and as a consequence the matter was dropped. Since then he has renewed the subject, and the correspondence had with him is presented as the shortest and most intelligent way of informing the Grand Lodge of the merits of the application.

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PUBLIC BUILDINGS,  
Barbados, W. I., January 29, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

R. W. Grand Secretary.

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of the 31st of August last, came duly to hand, and I need only assure you, on behalf of myself and the brethren of the M. U. here, who were to assist in procuring the charter from your Grand Lodge, that they equally with yourself regret the "abrupt termination of all prospect of organizing American Odd Fellowship in Barbados," which they are forced to relinquish for the following reasons:

1st. My intended visit to the States last year having fallen through, which would have saved a good round sum to the petitioners for cost of passage money, etc.

2d. Your statement that the Grand Lodge of the United States of America

would bear no share of the expenses for opening the new Lodge, which would be heavy on the petitioners in sending on a gentleman to procure the charter, etc., or for your Lodge to send out a member to organize and open the Lodge.

I may add that since my first communicating with you on the subject of Odd Fellowship, I have attained the dignity of a Grand Master of a Lodge of the M. U. here, and I am directed to ask you this question, viz:

If the Lodge to which I belong, and the other gentlemen also belong, forward you certificates under the seal and signature of the proper officers of the Lodge of our being officers and members of the M. Unity along with our petition and the charter fee, if the U. S. Grand Lodge would, under the circumstances, forward the charter, etc., addressed to us, and so enable us to open the Lodge without the great expense of a member going over to you, which they strongly object to? This is, I am afraid, your only chance of establishing the Order here, and I would therefore ask you to lay the matter before the Grand Lodge for their final determination, as the suggestion I think worthy of consideration. If your Lodge decide to grant the favor, I shall, on receipt of your answer, send you the name of a firm in Baltimore who are regular shippers to Barbados, and by whom the package would be safely sent and handed us by their agents here, in whose office are two of the petitioners.

I will be obliged would you, under any circumstances, (whether my previous correspondence be suppressed or not,) favor me with one of your reports, and with respects,

I am yours, fraternally,

R. J. CLINCKETT.

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. U. S.,

BALTIMORE, February 16, 1877.

R. J. CLINCKETT, Esq.,

*Barbados, West Indies.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of 29th January is received. You still adhere to your former desire to introduce the American Order of Odd Fellows to the jurisdiction of Barbados, and regret the failure of your former application, chiefly from your inability to visit the "Centennial." You suggest that, having attained the dignity of Grand Master in the Manchester Unity, you would like to ask me the question, whether if the Lodge to which you belong and the other gentlemen also belong, forward certificates under the seal and signatures of the proper officers of the Lodge, that you are such officers and members of the Manchester Unity, along with your petition and the charter fee, if the U. S. Grand Lodge would, under the circumstances, forward the charter and books, addressed to you, to enable you to open the Lodge?" After asking this question, you state, "you are afraid this is your (our) only chance of establishing the Order here, and you would therefore ask me to lay the matter before the Grand Lodge for their final determination, as the suggestion, you think, is worthy of consideration." You further remark that, "if your Grand Lodge shall decide to grant the favor, you will, on receipt of my answer, send me the name of a firm in Baltimore who are regular shippers to Barbados, and by whom the package would be safely sent and handed us here, in whose office are two of the petitioners."

In reply, I remark, first, that I have sent you a copy of our last Annual Report; secondly, that if you make formally such an application as you suggest to the Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of the United States in September next, in this city, I have no doubt it will be respectfully considered. Such a power has been already exercised by that Grand Body, in the case of the Grand Lodge of Victoria, located at Melbourne. In the year 1869, that whole organized Grand Body, known as the Grand Lodge of Victoria, A. I. O. O. F. surrendered its whole system and ritual, and bodily united itself, with all its Subordinates, with the G. L. of U. S., I. O. O. F., embracing some forty Lodges

and several thousand members, accepting a charter from the G. L. of U. S., our system, with ritual, and has since adopted our Encampment branch, and continued to work ever since in harmony with us. I know of no reason why in your case, an unfavorable decision would be had. On the contrary, my advice is that you apply, as I have intimated.

I am yours, fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Cor. Sec.

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I have learned that this movement represents the sentiments of a number of merchants and business men, who are members of the Manchester Unity organization, who prefer our system, and embraces a superior class of the residents of the island. If the Grand Lodge look favorably upon the subject, it would appear to me that the successful way of establishing the order in Barbados, would be to send a commissioner out for that special object. As the Grand Lodge of the United States would not probably change its uniform practice heretofore had in the matter of expense connected with such a project, I forbear to recommend any measure.

Since the above was written, a letter came to hand from Bro. E. ISAAC BAEZA, dated Bridgeton, Barbados, 12th of March, 1877, received at this office June 18, requesting a copy of our Journal for 1876, and referring to the letter of Bro. CLINCKETT, as follows:

"Ere this reaches you, you will have received from Bro. CLINCKETT, a communication respecting the extension of the American Order in these parts. This is a consummation devoutly wished for, and I trust that the Grand Officers of the Order will see the necessity, as well as the desirability, of acceding to our request.

"The proposals now made by us are the only ones we see our way to successfully act up to, and should it not meet with favor from you, I fear (unless you can propose a plan equally as easy), that our desires to extend the noble work in which we are engaged will not be crowned with success. Since last addressing you, a second Lodge under the M. U. has been established, and at present I am the Noble Grand."

A copy of the Journal was forwarded as requested, and Bro. BAEZA was referred to my letter to Bro. CLINCKETT of February 16, 1877.

BOLIVIA—Nothing further has transpired touching the application for a Lodge at Antofagasta, in this Republic.

CHILE—Odd Fellowship continues to prosper in this Republic. The annual report of the Grand Lodge has been received, which is decidedly satisfactory. The jurisdiction now consists of eight Subordinate Lodges, a Grand Lodge, and one Subordinate Encampment—Southern Watch, No. 1. The entire membership has reached 400, and promises a healthy increase. The gain will not be as rapid as it promised in the beginning, in consequence of the prostration of business and of the general industries of the country, which is complained of here perhaps more earnestly than in our own country. Nevertheless, it is the opinion of Bro. LOGAN, and the very able and efficient Grand Master, Bro. GEORGE S. BROWN, that the progress of the Order in Chile will be solid and gratifying. Of course, much of the future success in these remote foreign jurisdictions depends upon the presence of aid and counsel from this country, and of the zealous co-operation of such distinguished members as have taken active part in the cause from the beginning. October 12, 1876, the A. T. P. W. was communicated to D. D. Grand Sire LOGAN, which was received and duly acknowledged. All the business relations with the Grand Lodge have been promptly met, and the finances of the jurisdiction are highly prosperous.

After corresponding with Brothers LOGAN and DE GRESS on the subject, it was determined to send a supply of the Spanish rituals to the Grand Lodge of Chile; accordingly a package was forwarded by the steamer of June 15.

The correspondence consists of the following letters :

From ALEXANDER HARPER, Grand Secretary, Valparaiso, September 1, 1876, acknowledging receipt of supplies sent from this office, and transmitting exchange in settlement. September 14, with duplicate draft, in which he advises:

"The Antofagasta Lodge has not yet been started, on account of two who proposed to become charter members having left the place. With regard to the new Chilian Lodge, Santiago, No. 8, I am happy to report most satisfactory progress, and the Chilian brothers are very anxious to receive the charge books in the Spanish language."

February 6, 1877, with annual report and exchange to credit of Grand Lodge of Chile and Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, and June 1, in which he remarks:

"In spite of the extremely bad state of business here and on the coast, the Order is still progressing, although slowly, and we cannot expect more under the circumstances. However, we anxiously expect the Spanish translation now under way, and I feel confident that, on its arrival and use here, we shall soon see a great change for the better, especially in the Chilian Lodges, which have felt its want keenly."

From GEORGE S. BROWN, Grand Master and S. D. Grand Sire, Valparaiso, February 16, 1877, with report of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1. He says:

"Owing to the severe commercial crisis to which this country has been subjected for some time past, the progress of the Encampment has not been so rapid as I expected or would have desired, but if its onward march has been comparatively slow, it has been, I am happy to say, healthy; and I am of opinion that, taking all circumstances into consideration, it may be congratulated on having accomplished as much as it has."

"I had cherished the hope that before the expiration of 1876, I should have had the pleasure of presenting to the G. L. U. S. one or two additional Subordinate Encampments, but owing to the adverse circumstances already referred to, that pleasure has been denied me. I have, however, no doubt that if I had the ritual in Spanish I could start an Encampment to work in that language."

The several communications were promptly answered.

Bro. LOGAN has furnished the following:

BALTIMORE, March 27, 1877.

MY DEAR GRAND SECRETARY:—In looking over the correspondence connected with the establishment of the Order in Chile, my attention has been arrested by a letter addressed to you by myself, under date of May 10, 1875, which, it now seems to me, may have the effect to work an injustice, though quite unintentional upon my part.

The letter informs you of the institution of Teutonia Lodge, No. 3, at Valparaiso, Chile, and speaks of its prospective membership as inaccessible to Pacific Lodge, No. 2. The inference which may be drawn, and which I have heard has been, is that the membership of No. 3 is to be of a *better* class than that of No. 2. Nothing could have been further from the purpose of the writer than to make a distinction so invidious. It was intended simply to convey the idea that the Lodges would work in different, though entirely worthy fields. The membership of No. 2 is composed of efficient and highly honorable gentlemen, and I ask that this communication may be published with your next report, to remove any possible misapprehension which may exist upon the subject.

Believe me, very fraternally, yours,

C. A. LOGAN.

CUBA—A letter dated Havana, March 31, 1877, signed FRANK A. MOREJOR, of Accho Lodge, No. 124, Phillipsburg, New Jersey, accompanied with an informal petition, with six signatures, for a Lodge at Havana, to be called "Benevolence Lodge, No. —," was received at this office on the 26th of April, and promptly transmitted to the M. W. Grand Sire, who at once replied, denying the application. The papers are herewith submitted.

GERMANY—I have great pleasure in reporting that our Order continues to prosper in this valuable jurisdiction, and to extend its field of operations among that intelligent and enterprising population. The correspondence with Grand Secretary MEYENDORF has chiefly had reference to business transactions, which have been satisfactorily adjusted. All letters of this nature have been promptly acknowledged. The relations of the Grand Lodge of the United States with the Grand Lodge of the German Empire continue to be as heretofore, of the most friendly character. The best feeling prevails, as will be observed, between the "officials," and the most courteous and fraternal language characterizes the tone, style and sentiments interchanged.

The presentation of the 8th Volume of the Journal to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, last year, having miscarried and the book having been returned to this office, it was re-transmitted, and reached its destination safely, of which we were advised March 18, 1877. Our communications of January 26 and February 7, were also received and acknowledged.

The financial transactions during the year have been adjusted, and proper credits passed to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire for payments made, all of which appear in the Corresponding Secretary's report; the respective amounts received have been duly acknowledged.

The most important interest in relation to this jurisdiction which occupied the attention of the Grand Corresponding Secretary during the year, was the special matter introduced to the consideration of the Grand Lodge by Rep. PORTER, of California, in the following words:

"WHEREAS, This Grand Body has learned that a controversy has arisen between the Grand Lodge of the German Empire and the local police authorities at Berlin, Prussia, (as the executive agent of the Prussian Government), in regard to the question whether a certain law of the German Empire, requiring all societies and institutions which undertake and promise to pay to their members stipulated sums of money as benefits in case of sickness or death, to obtain governmental permission before their establishment, and to be under government control and supervision, in accordance with certain prescribed regulations, may be construed so as to be applicable to our Order, and,

"WHEREAS, It is desirable for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire to be placed in a position to be able to invoke and avail itself of the good offices and official influence of the United States Minister at Berlin, Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, in its behalf, therefore, be it

"Resolved, That Bro. M. J. DURHAM, M. W. Grand Sire, member of Congress from Kentucky, Bro. O. P. MORTON, P. G. M., United States Senator from Indiana, and Bro. AARON A. SARGENT, P. G., United States Senator from California, be, and are hereby requested and empowered to take such steps as are calculated to procure from the Department of State, of the United States at Washington, an official authorization for the United States Minister at Berlin, empowering him, when called upon by the proper organs of the Order in the German Empire, to use his official influence with the Prussian Foreign Office, in behalf of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the German Empire, as far as the nature of the case, in his discretion, may permit him to do so."

This subject was soon after the adjournment put in active motion. The respected committee was informed of their appointment, and such information communicated to them as was in our possession. In December last their report to the M. W. Grand Sire was received, which accompanies his report.

The correspondence was immediately transmitted to our friends in Germany, in print. It was communicated to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, accompanied by an earnest letter from M. W. Grand Sire JOHN W. STOKES. Our advices from that jurisdiction represent that the good offices of the Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, the American Minister at Berlin, have been secured, and that to the extent of his authority from our Government he has given the subject his earnest attention. Unfortunately, no copy of the law in force in Germany, which was complained of,

has been placed in our possession, so the G. L. U. S. and those acting in its behalf, have scarcely had intelligent information on the subject to guide them. I have written to the Grand Secretary for a copy of the law, which, when received, will be submitted. It is believed that the relief asked by our brethren will be granted, at least to such extent as it will be reasonable to ask or expect, in view of its general applicability to all citizens engaged in the same pursuits. All other correspondence has had reference to the transmission of the A. T. P. W. and business transactions hereafter noted, all of which has been satisfactorily adjusted.

On January 26, 1877, advice was transmitted from this office of the shipment of sixty-four copies of Revised Journal of 1876, which were duly received by Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, and by him distributed throughout the jurisdiction. The correspondence with this worthy and intelligent officer continues to be, as it has heretofore been, characterized by the highest deference and respect for the parent Grand Lodge, and by the most ardent love and veneration for the welfare of the Order at large. I beg to make known to the Grand Lodge our special obligation to our German brethren for essential aid during the last year, in the consummation of our purpose to introduce Odd Fellowship to Holland. That measure was finally accomplished, as appears in another part of this report. It will be remembered that in my last Annual Report our prospect of success in this measure was by no means flattering.

Bro. OSTHEIM, Special D. G. Sire for that jurisdiction, had returned to his home at Elberfeld, Prussia, from Amsterdam, Holland, leaving his mission unfulfilled, and with little prospect of ultimate success, owing to hindrance, which delayed satisfactory arrangement with the authorities touching the privilege of instituting the Lodge. In March last, however, upon receiving a telegram from the brethren in Amsterdam, informing him that all obstacles had been removed, and that they were impatient for his return to institute the Lodge, he immediately repaired to Amsterdam and acquitted himself of his office, by organizing Paradise Lodge, No. 1, on the 19th of March, 1877. For this important service, the Grand Lodge will doubtless take pleasure in making its acknowledgments to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire; and especially to F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire.

The entire correspondence is contained in the following: From Grand Secretary MEYENDORF, September 4, 1876, (two letters), October 8, October 12, December 3, December 22, January 16, 1877, March 18, and July 30, (two letters); H. BECKER, Bremen, February 20; Humanitas Lodge, No. 4, Dresden, October 1, 1876, and May 10, 1877; and letters from this office to F. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, September 23, 1876, November 4, (two letters), December 27, January 17, 1877, (two letters), January 26, February 7, April 11 and 12, and August 24; L. ELSASSER, M. W. Grand Sire, October 12, 1876, and February 9, 1877; Grand Sire, officers and members of Grand Lodge of the German Empire, October 15; H. BECKER, Bremen, January 26; Humanitas Lodge, No. 4, Dresden, April 2 and August 6, 1877.

All our experience and advice touching Odd Fellowship in the Fatherland is assuring and encouraging. The Institution under the guidance of our German Brethren enjoys the highest degree of prosperity, and its character is a subject of our gratification and admiration. Herewith, I submit a statement of the status of the Order in that jurisdiction, January 1, 1877, as found in the "Herz und Hand" of April 26, 1877.

Under the immediate jurisdiction of the

Grand Lodge of the German Empire.....	4	Lodges.	133	members.
Grand Lodge of Brandenburg .....	12	"	761	"
Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg.....	13	"	587	"
Grand Lodge of Hannover.....	8	"	360	"
Grand Lodge of Saxony .....	5	"	170	"
Total.....	42	"	2011	"

Encampments, 5 ; members, 185 ; receipts for year 1876, by Subordinates of Brandenburg and Wurttemberg, \$5,181 ; relief, \$1,165.

Accompanying a letter dated July 30, received August 18, Bro. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, furnishes the following statement of the Order under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire :

Grand Lodges, 4. Members, January 1, 1876.....	1789
Initiated, 443 ; admitted by card, 76 ; reinstated, 1. Total.....	520
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Deduct withdrawn, 147 ; suspended, 118 ; expelled, 16 ; deceased, 15. Total..	296
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Members December 31, 1876.....	2013
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Encampments, 5. Members January 1, 1876.....	209
Initiated, 12 ; admitted by card, 1 ; reinstated, 1. Total.....	14
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Deduct withdrawn, 4 ; suspended, 33 ; deceased, 1. Total.....	38
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Members December 31, 1876.....	185
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Number of Brothers relieved, 184; widowed families relieved, 59.	
Paid for the relief of Brothers.....	\$2,010 12
Paid for the relief of widowed families.....	529 75
Paid for the education of orphans.....	92 50
Paid for burying the dead.....	562 00
Paid for special relief.....	360 75
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Total relief.....	\$3,555 12

Amount of the annual receipts, \$21,142.17.

Number of Patriarchs relieved, 3.

Paid for the relief of Patriarchs, \$17.25.

Amount of annual receipts of the Encampments, \$292.75.

GREAT BRITAIN—The correspondence consists of letters of the Corresponding and Recording Secretary, as follows: November 1, 1876, to HENRY RATCLIFFE, Corresponding Secretary of Manchester Unity, (two letters); to CHARLES G. HILL, London, November 27, (two letters), June 25 and March 28 ; to WILLIAM BLACK, Brandon, March 6 ; to PHILLIPS, GRAVES, PHILLIPS & Co., London, March 28, and to JAMES SPRY, Corresponding Secretary of Plymouth District, Manchester Unity, May 15. Several of these are given in full and otherwise specially noticed in this report. The communications received are noted below, and in the article entitled "Grand Annual Moveable Committee, I. O. O. F., Manchester, England."

I regret to remark that the flattering report at the last session, touching the formation of "Thomas Wildey Lodge," No. 1, and of "Anglo American Encampment," No. 1, in London, England, by S. D. Grand Sire, Bro. R. H. MORRISON, has not realized the anticipated good promise. Owing to the great disappointment to the Lodge, arising out of the non-arrival of the outfit of regalia and fixtures promised to the new Lodge by Bro. R. H. MORRISON, dissatisfaction prevailed among the brethren. This state of feeling increasing in consequence of learning nothing of the cause of the misadventure, serious dissatisfaction arose among the members. The consequence was, that the Lodge failed to meet, and a general estrangement took place. Little or no communication was had with this office, except in the way of complaint. To all inquiries touching the regalia, full and satisfactory accounts were rendered from this office. The brethren were informed that Bro. R. H. MORRISON had purchased and paid for, out of his private resources, full sets of Lodge and Encampment

regalia, etc., through this office; that the articles purchased had been shipped by the manufacturers, Messrs. SISCO BROTHERS, of this city, on board the steamer "Leipsic," to the address of JAMES TERRY, 143 Tufnel Park Road, London; that the bill of lading, with letter accompanying, had been sent by the Messrs. Sisco at the time of shipment. Nothing was heard for several months of the goods, they having safely arrived in London nevertheless. At length, after diligent search had been made, the consignment was discovered uncalled for at the office of the steamer in London. Immediate information of the fact was communicated to the Lodge, and doubtless measures have been taken to get possession of them. It is to be hoped that the members of the Lodge will now return to their original zeal and sense of duty to the Lodge, and renew their interest in its behalf.

A letter was addressed to Bro. CHARLES G. HILL, on 27th of November, 1876, transmitting his commission as D. D. Grand Sire for the jurisdiction of Great Britain, with the A. T. P. W.; also, one of the same date, communicating proper information to him as C. Patriarch of Anglo American Encampment. In January last, sixteen copies of revised Journal of last session were forwarded to the same address. The only communication received from the Lodge came to hand March 27, 1877, through CHARLES G. HILL, dated London, 25 Winston Road, Stoke Newington, March 8, 1877. This letter acknowledges the receipt of the Grand Secretary's two favors of November, 1876, and apologizes for the delay in replying. It complains of the non-receipt, up to date, of the regalia, and resigns the appointment of D. D. Grand Sire, in consequence of private engagements. The difficulties which have opposed the progress of the Order in London are fully stated concerning the regalia, and but little encouragement is held out of overcoming them. Another difficulty is represented to be the fact that the Lodge and Encampment have to be enrolled, under an act of Parliament, or to obtain a charter to make them legal bodies. This subject is worthy of special examination, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary desires to be exculpated from all censure in this connection, having, through the special efforts of his Assistant, used unremitting attention in obtaining and forwarding the regalia for Bro. MORRISON, S. D. Grand Sire.

A number of letters of inquiry concerning the location of the London Lodge have been received at this office, the writers expressing a desire to visit their English brethren. The latest is dated London, 12th August, 1877, received August 25, from Bro. LUDWIG KLAJE, a member of Borussia Lodge, No. 2, Berlin, Prussia, who advises that he expects to remain a long time in London, and desires to become acquainted with members of the Order in that city. He assures us that he will "work for our beloved Order and do all in my power to promote the interest of our holy Institution, of which I am very fond, and wish that it may spread all over the globe." He refers to Bro. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire; and the members of Borussia Lodge at Berlin, and Helvetia Lodge at Zurich.

All the information on the subject at our command, was promptly transmitted to Bro. KLAJE, as has been the case in replying to all who have sought information concerning Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, of London, England.

NETHERLANDS—Paradise Lodge, No. 1, was instituted at the city of Amsterdam, at length, after much vexatious delay, growing out of a misunderstanding upon the subject of the laws of the Kingdom in relation to secret organizations. Upon the satisfactory adjustment of this question with the civil authorities by the petitioners for the charter, the ceremony was consummated on the 19th day of March, 1877, by Bro. F. S. OSTHEIM, Special D. G. Sire, and P. G. Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, who had kindly tendered his aid to the Grand Lodge for the occasion. Seventeen candidates were elected at a preliminary meeting, the initiation of whom took place under circumstances of good promise to the new Lodge. The charter members of the Lodge had informally met together for several months, and persevered against all difficulties in their purpose with persistent zeal, until success ultimately crowned their

efforts. The occasion was therefore one of great rejoicing to them. The earnestness of purpose displayed in the formation of this Lodge, not only in the liberal expense incurred, but also in the determined energy and devotion to the cause, justifies the expectation that it will be a decided success. Holland is believed to be a fine field for Odd Fellowship. The Government is a liberal one, the laws are tolerant and enlightened, the people are intelligent, patriotic, social and enterprising. The country is densely populated. The cities are large, long established and numerous. Commerce, agriculture, manufactures and, in fact, every industry and every element of political and moral wealth abounds there, which constitutes a great and prosperous country. We may safely congratulate ourselves, it is believed, upon the acquisition of a valuable jurisdiction, and look forward confidently upon the rapid diffusion of Odd Fellowship throughout the Kingdom, should no unforeseen obstacles arise. To Bro. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, our special thanks are due for his invaluable aid in this emergency. His correspondence with this office has been voluminous, and his personal sacrifice in this behalf is worthy of all admiration.

The correspondence is embraced in the following: From L. ELKAN, G. VAN HERPEN and others, petitioners for a Lodge, October 1, 1876, October 31, (two letters), November 5, December 2, December 16, January 23, 1877, February 24, March 13 and March 31. F. S. OSTHEIM, Special Deputy Grand Sire, November 2, 1876, December 5, December 9, December 22, January 20, 1877, February 13, February 16, February 17, (two letters), March 11, March 12, March 20, March 26, March 27, May 3, May 14, May 21, June 20 and July 7; the latter inclosing a report of Paradise Lodge from March 19 to June 30, 1877, exhibiting charter members, 6; initiated, 26; total members, 32, viz.: Fifth Degree, 11; Initiatory, 21; Degrees conferred, 62; receipts, \$467.

PERU.—Odd Fellowship in Peru has advanced materially during the last year. The Order, as was stated in my last report, had no advantage in this Republic such as it enjoyed in Chile, and which contributed so largely to its rapid and prosperous development there, viz.: the presence and active co-operation of a P. G. Sire and American Diplomatic Minister, resident in the country for four years. This distinguished Odd Fellow, Bro. LOGAN, after having introduced the Order to Chile, and made it, with the aid of zealous assistants, whom he had enlisted, a very decided success, turned his attention to the sister Republic of Peru, where it had been previously established, but had not progressed so rapidly. He visited Callao and tendered his co-operation to Bro. N. HURWITZ, the zealous D. D. G. Sire of the jurisdiction. The consequence was the formation of "Atahualpa" Encampment, No. 1, at Lima, the capital of the Republic, on September 22, 1876, with twenty members. This Encampment has set out upon its career with very great advantages. It has strength of numbers, has had thorough instruction, and has had the benefit of the example and experience of an eminently skilled and proficient Odd Fellow. The increase of the Order in Peru has not been so decided as was expected. A letter from Bro. HURWITZ, dated Callao, March 27, 1877, remarks, "that the new Lodges, especially No. 4, are increasing very fast, and give me hopes that the old Lodges will make a start to keep up with them." Bro. LOGAN confirms this hope, and indulges a like opinion. The business depression which afflicts the whole world, is not absent from this active business centre. It, of course, hinders the growth of our Order in Peru materially.

The A. T. P. W. and commission of D. D. G. Sire were transmitted October 1, 1876, which were duly acknowledged. The entire correspondence of the year has been limited to a few letters, though gratifying and satisfactory.

Bro. HURWITZ duly instituted Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, on the 30th day of October, and Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, on the 31st day of October, 1876. His communications to this office are dated November 14, 1876, and March 20, 1877, the latter accompanying reports and exchange on account of dues. He complains that "exchange is as unfavorable as ever, which caused the delay in sending reports and dues." His statement is as follows:

Dues of Subordinates, \$290.98; A. HURWITZ, \$1.00, or Peruvian currency, \$1.75. Total, \$292.73, in settlement for which he remitted check on New York, \$120.00, gold, @ 87½ per cent.....	\$225 00
Check on U. S. Treasury, \$12.00, @ 75 per cent.....	21 00
Check on London, £5. 0. 0, gold, 26d. pr sole.....	46 15
American currency, 50 cents, @ 75 per cent.....	87
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The remittance realized in currency in Baltimore..... 164 96

The letters from this office are dated October 12, 1876, December 15 (two letters), January 20, 1877, and April 13.

Since the above was written another letter from Bro. HURWITZ, dated July 20, has been received, from which I extract the following:

"Allow me to call your attention to the demand of the G. L. U. S., for ten per cent. of the total receipts. The Lodges and Encampment decline to pay anything additional, for at the present rate of exchange they would have to pay from *thirty* to *thirty-five* per cent. of their total receipts to satisfy the demand of the Grand Lodge. Times are getting worse instead of better, and I see no way to collect the deficiency under existing circumstances. I would kindly request to be relieved from so disagreeable a duty, for should I enforce payment the Lodges will surrender their charters, which action would certainly pain me very much. I have lately made a sacrifice, as seeing Callao Lodge, No. 2, getting lower every week, I concluded to make an effort to save the Lodge by withdrawing from Lima Lodge, No. 1, and joining No. 2, and I am therefore a member of the latter, and hope to soon report her in sound condition. \* \* \* \* And now I beg to suggest that the matter regarding the *dues* be again brought to the attention of the Grand Lodge of the United States, since for the Order in Peru the question is *to be, or not to be.*"

The letter reached us August 13, and was promptly acknowledged.

SANDWICH ISLANDS—Our reports from this jurisdiction represent the two Lodges and Encampment as getting along with reasonable success. All that the brethren now need to enable them to advance Odd Fellowship in their midst, is unity and harmony. Unfortunately, they have had differences of opinion among them, which have in some degree alienated the two Lodges at Honolulu. An appeal at length was made to the M. W. Grand Sire upon the subject of the right of Lodge No. 3, to occupy the Odd Fellows Hall in that city, to which he responded by an earnest letter, which, it is believed, has had a salutary effect. The difference grew out of the chartering Lodge, No. 3, without the knowledge of No. 1, of which the latter Lodge complained. The members of the Order in the jurisdiction are zealous and devoted to the cause. They have persistently sustained the Order through many trials, and, considering the sparsity of the field in which they labor, have done well. Their membership is limited by the circumstances, and is not likely to increase. The importance, however, of their position for active and valuable benefaction cannot well be overestimated. The Lodges prosper, and the returns of the Encampment, Polynesia, No. 1, show it to be in reasonable health. The Grand Lodge is earnestly called upon, by the situation in this jurisdiction, to exert its utmost ability to quiet the disturbing element, and to restore Odd Fellowship in these Islands to its former harmony and consequent prosperity. The returns have been regularly received from the Lodges and Encampment, with their dues, through D. D. Grand Sire FLITNER, whose reports continue to be prompt, intelligent and highly satisfactory. The commission and A. T. P. W. were mailed to D. D. Grand Sire FLITNER October 12, 1876, and duly received. Quota of Revised Journal, was sent January 20, 1877.

The letters from Bro. FLITNER are dated August 26, 1876, (two), November 1, December 4, January 29, 1877, March 27, April 24 and July 18, which were answered on the 1st of October, 1876, November 24, December 20, March 9, 1877, April 17, May 15 and August 9.

SWITZERLAND—The information from this foreign Grand Lodge has been comparatively limited. Enough has reached us to assure us that the Order holds its own, and that the true spirit of Odd Fellowship animates the brethren.

The correspondence during the year, on our part, has had reference to the transmission of the A. T. P. W. and the commission of D. D. Grand Sire, Bro. RUDOLF ASCHMANN, G. Rep.; also, to the forwarding of eleven copies of the Revised Journal for the Grand Lodge and ten for the Grand Representative, all of which were safely received and acknowledged, and two letters have been received from Bro. ASCHMANN, dated March 30, with copies of the Revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.

A letter from the new Grand Secretary, Bro. HERMANN VOGEL, dated Zurich, July 11, ordering some books and cards, and advising that they would institute Waldstatter Lodge, No. 8, at Lucerne, and Rheinfall Lodge, No. 9, at Schaffhouse, reached this office on the 30th of July, when the supplies were promptly forwarded.

Another letter from this officer, dated June 19, received August 13, informs us that the Grand Lodge of Switzerland held its fourth annual session at Basle, on the 15th of April, 1877, and elected RUDOLF WEBER, Zurich, M. W. Grand Master; ADOLPHE JENNI, Berne, R. W. Deputy Grand Master; C. G. MADER, Berne, R. W. Grand Warden; HERMANN VOGEL, Zurich, R. W. Grand Secretary; JAC. HURLIMANN, Zurich, R. W. Grand Treasurer; RUD. ASCHMANN, Berne, R. W. Grand Representative.

Bro. ASCHMANN transmits the Annual Report, accompanied with a letter dated Berne, July 30, 1877, as follows:

"Our dear Order is making good progress in Switzerland. Three new Lodges have been opened since New Year, and the foundation of two more is in view. The good and true feelings of Friendship and Love seem to prevail in all the Lodges.

"A mutual life insurance society has been formed among all the brothers in Switzerland. When a brother dies 2000 francs are paid to the widow and children, or to the nearest relative, if the latter are in need of it. The sum is paid by quotas, in proportion to the number of the members of the Order in Switzerland."

#### GRAND ANNUAL MOVABLE COMMITTEE, I. O. O. F., MANCHESTER UNITY, ENGLAND.

At the last session of the Grand Lodge, the report of the Committee on Correspondence approved "of the efforts of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary to cultivate friendly and fraternal relations with kindred organizations, whose objects are the fraternization of mankind and the practice of brotherly love and charity." Responsive to this sentiment, I have taken pleasure in transmitting to the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., at their offices, No. 97 Grosvenor Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock, Manchester, copies of our last annual revised Journal, and of all documents connected therewith. Herewith I submit the reply of that important and highly distinguished organization:

ODD FELLOWS' OFFICES,  
97 Grosvenor Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock,  
MANCHESTER, England, Oct. 20, 1876.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Corresponding Secretary.*

SIR AND BROTHER:—I have to acknowledge the receipt of your parcel, enclosing communications of various kinds, for which I am very much obliged. By this post I forward the October report, and also the report of our last Annual Movable Committee, and would refer you to the seventy-sixth resolution in the last named report.

I have been instructed by the Grand Master and Board of Directors to



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forward you a copy of this report, and ascertain from you if you could point out any way of carrying that resolution into effect.

Believe me to be yours sincerely,

HENRY RATCLIFFE, C. S.

This is the first fruits of your friendly overture of the last session interchanging courtesies with kindred Societies, and is the "official" renewal of an informal suggestion to the same effect made to G. Sire DURHAM by a member of the Manchester Unity, signing himself JOHN SIMPSON, Sault St. Marie, June, 1876, Good Intent Lodge, No. 2647, Hartlepool District, I. O. O. F. M. U., England. (Journal, 6759.)

To this official communication I replied as follows:

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,  
R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,  
Baltimore, November 1, 1876.

HENRY RATCLIFFE,

*Corresponding Secretary, Manchester Unity I. O. O. F.,  
Odd Fellows' Offices, 97 Grosvenor Street, Chorlton-on-Medlock.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Yours of October 20, is just received. I reply that the seventy-sixth resolution of the A. M. C. of 1876, to which you refer, was substantially before the Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, held in the city of Philadelphia. It did not, however, receive a proper consideration in consequence of the immense pressure of business which crowded the attention of the Grand Lodge and the informal and non-official source from which it emanated. The subject was contained in a letter addressed by an individual named JOHN SIMPSON, to M. W. Grand Sire DURHAM, and was by him submitted to the Grand Lodge. It was referred by that body to the Committee on Foreign Relations, from which no report was received.

Your present "Official" communication from the Grand Master and Board of Directors of the Manchester Unity, at the instance of the Grand Annual Moveable Committee, the highest authority of the Order in Great Britain, is a very different proceeding. In the manner now presented it challenges the highest respect, which it will undoubtedly receive. I inclose the correspondence between our Grand Sire and Mr. JOHN SIMPSON, of Sault St. Marie, Ontario, Canada, which will explain its then appearance before the Grand Lodge of the United States. The subject is one of importance. Any consummation which would promote a closer union between the two Orders of Odd Fellows in Great Britain and the United States, now admitted to be the greatest benevolent organizations extant, would undoubtedly augment very much their efficiency in their respective spheres, and add largely to their relative moral force. Excuse me for not further considering the question, which is one exclusively within the authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

With the highest regard for the I. O. O. F. of M. U., which you represent, and for yourself as an accomplished officer, with whom I have enjoyed an "official" and personal acquaintance since my visit to the Annual Moveable Committee at Wigan, England, in 1842,

I remain, fraternally yours,

JAS. L. RIDGELY, C. S.

This subject has also been suggested incidentally by our brethren in Australia, as deserving attention. It certainly involves grave considerations, and is well worthy the examination of a committee. The Grand Lodge desires to preserve the most friendly relations with all kindred associations, and if by any satisfactory arrangement with the Manchester Unity the usefulness of the two Orders may be advanced, it would be highly gratifying, and doubtless advantageous to each. I respectfully recommend the reference of the subject to the Committee on the State of the Order.

On page 92 of the proceedings of the Grand A. M. C., held in the town of Ryde, (Isle of Wight), June 5 to 10, 1876, in the "report of the sub-committee to examine the proceedings of the Board of Directors for the past year," the resolution referred to by HENRY RATCLIFFE, C. S., appears as follows:

"76. That the following resolution, viz.: 'That members of the American Independent Order of Odd Fellows, in possession of their traveling password, be allowed to visit our Lodges. The Grand Master and Board of Directors to arrange with the Grand Sire and Grand Lodge of America for our members, in possession of the traveling password, to be allowed to visit their Lodges,' be referred to the G. M. and Board of Directors."

In the "Oldham Chronicle" of May 26, 1877, special edition containing the proceedings of the A. M. C., the special committee to examine the proceedings of the Board of Directors, reported as follows:

"*The American Order of Odd Fellows*, 2. With reference to the 76th resolution passed at the Isle of Wight, A. M. C., on the subject of interchange of visits between members of the M. U. and the brethren of the American Order of Odd Fellows, your committee have perused the correspondence submitted to them, which has taken place between Mr. RATCLIFFE and the Grand Corresponding Secretary of the American Order. Believing that the object sought to be obtained would prove of a pleasing and satisfactory nature to the members of both societies, your committee suggest that the subject be left to the Directors, and that they be requested to continue their efforts to effect the object in view."

Several members spoke in favor of the resolution, expressing the hope that the proposed arrangement would be consummated, and the action of the committee appears to have been approved without opposition.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the printed minutes of the last session of this distinguished Grand Body. It was held at the town of Oldham, on Whit Monday, 21st of May, 1877, and was composed of 401 delegates, representing the several districts of the jurisdiction. The business of such a numerous constituency was necessarily voluminous and detailed. The annual reports of the Grand Officers, and the general returns, represent the condition of the Order to be highly prosperous in Lodges, members, capital and relief. I regret to say, however, that Odd Fellowship in England, during the past year, has been called upon to suffer severe trials, and to experience the weightiest calamity which has ever beset it. Early after the organization of the Grand Officers and Board of Directors, elected at the last A. M. C., Bro. Wm. GEVES, the Grand Master, died. His death took place at Manchester, whilst absent from his home, in attendance, officially, upon the Board of Directors, of which body he was chairman "*ex officio*." Notwithstanding the unremitting attention of his colleagues of the Board, and the best medical skill, his death transpired after a very brief illness. This dispensation was a severe trial, not only in view of the importance of the office vacated, but especially in consequence of the absence of proper provisions of law for filling the vacancy in the Directorate. Death, however, shortly afterwards made its appearance in a form still more appalling, by the removal of the distinguished Corresponding Secretary, on Friday, the fifth day of the session. Bro. HENRY RATCLIFFE, the Corresponding Secretary, had been absent on the first day of the session, which necessarily created difficulty and confusion in the organization of so large a Grand Body. After a temporary opening of the session, a special committee was dispatched to Manchester to inquire into the cause of Bro. RATCLIFFE's absence, it being rumored that he was seriously ill. A telegram soon confirmed this fear. The report of the committee followed, which, although unfavorable, was hopeful. The Corresponding Secretary lingered in rapidly declining health until Friday, 25th of May, when his noble spirit took its flight from earth forever. This sad intelligence was announced by the presiding officer amid profound stillness in the Grand Body, which was affected to tears by the sad bereavement. The shock was so great, in view of the long and brilliant official career of the deceased, that the Lodge, after taking

proper order for the funeral, immediately adjourned. Thus closed, after a service of twenty-nine years, the official life of HENRY RATCLIFFE, Grand Corresponding Secretary of I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, England. This death is a severe calamity, and although the profound chasm which it creates will in due season be bridged over, it will nevertheless be long lamented, and many years will elapse before the Order in England will supply his place. It is just and proper to remark that the two brothers RATCLIFFE, WILLIAM and HENRY, who held this important position in England for forty years, have, by their masterly administration, earned a hold on the affections and grateful memory of the English brotherhood which will never be relaxed, having guided the Order from comparative obscurity and humble station to its present highly honorable, useful and prosperous position, as the largest, most populous and solid secret beneficial association in the world. I am indebted to Bro. JAMES SPRY, P. Cor. Sec. of the Plymouth District, for this intelligence, and for the Minutes of the A. M. Committee, M. U., of the present year, held May 21, at Oldham, to whom I have taken occasion to make special acknowledgment, a copy of which correspondence is annexed.

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INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS,  
MANCHESTER UNITY FRIENDLY SOCIETY,  
179 Coventry Road, Sheffield, May 27, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.

SIR AND BROTHER:—I take the liberty of writing you to inform you of the death of our Chief Secretary, Mr. HENRY RATCLIFFE, because I thought it unlikely that any member of the Board would think of doing so. As a member of the sub-committee of the A. M. C., and having the correspondence laid before us, I know you had been in communication with him, and therefore to prevent any misunderstanding that might arise from a cessation of correspondence, I thought I would write, so as to prevent surmises of negligence.

On the Saturday previous to the day we were to meet for the opening of the A. M. C., he came to Oldham with the books and papers necessary for the business, and this was the last time I saw him in the flesh. On Monday, when we met, his absence was a cause of alarm to the Grand Master, as the roll of appointed Past Officers was absent, and the telegraph soon brought the intelligence that sudden illness was the cause. Day by day the business went on until the Friday morn, and we were busy discussing the proposed alterations of rules, when I saw a commotion on the platform on the vote on the business under discussion being recorded. The Grand Master requested silence, and from the chair announced the melancholy intelligence that the spirit of our Corresponding Secretary had passed away to its eternal home. Very few of the assembled deputies but what were affected to tears, as those who knew him best were aware they had lost one who had proved the friend and master-mind of the Institution we all so dearly love and admire. The news spread outside the building, and the flags were lowered half-mast and the town decorations draped in black. The Board at once adjourned all the remaining consideration of the General Rules, and the necessary elections were proceeded with.

The Grand Master immediately ordered a special session of the Board, to make arrangements for carrying on the business of the Order for the next year and arrange for the funeral of our late Corresponding Secretary.

I therefore have not returned to my house, but shall remain in the north of England, to be in proximity to pay my respects by following the mortal remains of my esteemed friend and brother to his last resting place.

I believe now there is no other prominent member of the Order remaining who took part in the Wigan meeting, when you and P. G. M. WILLIAMSON paid a visit to England.

I have sent by this post a copy of our proceedings, by which you will see

that the sub-committee have reported to the A. M. C. on the interchange of members' cards in both jurisdictions and left the detail to the Directors. What they will do I am unable to judge, seeing that they are men who have been born, so far as Odd Fellowship is concerned, since the severance occurred.

I must now conclude by the wish that when the Great Grand Master may call us hence, we may be ready to give the correct sign and password to enable us to enter into the Grand Lodge above, where all differences of opinion will disappear in the presence of the immaculate Creator of the Universe. To us who remain candidates for heavenly bliss, we pray the Most High to shower His blessings evermore.

Yours fraternally,

JAMES SPRY,  
*Prov. Cor. Secretary, Plymouth, England.*

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,

BALTIMORE, June 12, 1877.

JAMES SPRY,

*Prov. C. S., Plymouth, England.*

MY DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of May 27, written under the peculiar circumstances of the occasion, so kind and so considerate on your part, overwhelms me with gratitude and sorrow. It came to me with such startling force, that the shock produced was not unlike a thunder bolt in a calm summer sky. Truly, indeed, is it written, that "in the midst of life we are in death." I knew the two Grand Corresponding Secretaries RATCLIFFE, WILLIAM and HENRY, personally and well. It was my fortune, when in England in 1842, with my brother, the late I. D. Williamson, as Special Delegate of the R. W. G. L. of the United States, I. O. O. F., to have been "officially" received by the former, and to have been the constant subject of fraternal attentions and special courtesies from the latter. They, with many of the distinguished members of the A. M. C. of Wigan, were assiduous, kind and unremitting in their attention to the American delegates during their entire sojourn in England. They were each men of mark, whose weight of character and personal force would readily challenge the general attention and admiration. I have watched with earnest solicitude the progress of the Manchester Unity year by year, since that momentous occasion, (Wigan A. M. C. of 1842), and have been a careful observer of events transpiring ever since in the administration of the two Orders of Odd Fellows, English and American, and have no hesitation in expressing the decided opinion, that the RATCLIFFE BROTHERS have been the master spirits, whose intellect, genius and practical adaptation to a great position of responsibility has carried the system of Odd Fellowship to its present extraordinary success, and to the younger brother chiefly, is this palm of merit due. The calamity, therefore, which has befallen the M. U., may be more easily felt and imagined than described. Well, under such a startling blow, did the A. M. C. suspend all further proceedings, and take proper order, becoming the mournful occasion. It will be difficult to fill such a profound chasm, which will continue to deepen, to widen, and to develop its outline for many years to come, yet it will be in due time repaired and fully bridged over, out of the abundant resources of the Unity and the concentrated mind of his surviving brethren. I sympathize and condole with you, and all the brethren in your vast jurisdiction, on such a colossal loss; nay, I grieve with Odd Fellows throughout the world, for such a death oppresses that brotherhood wherever it dwells. He was, I may say without exaggeration, the conceded oracle of the English Order. His name was synonymous with order, system, intelligence

and law, with justice, equity, right and ample protection to his brethren, rich and poor alike. His enlightened judgment and clear intellect have stamped upon the reformed system of Odd Fellowship in his native country, its solid and essential elements of prosperity and life.

I shall take occasion to communicate officially this sad intelligence, as well as the serious loss sustained by the death of your Grand Master, in November last, to the G. L. of U. S., whose sincere condolence with the Manchester Unity will be promptly testified.

I am gratified to receive the proceedings of the A. M. C., held at Oldham, on Whit Monday, and to observe the favorable proceedings had on the American Order of Odd Fellows. I hope that the G. L. of U. S. will consent to confer with your Board on the subject, by the appointment of a committee for that purpose. I congratulate you upon your zealous co-operation in the desire to promote some interchange of fraternities between the two Orders. Allow me to join you in the sentiment you so beautifully express, that "when the Great Grand Master may call us hence, we may be ready to give the correct sign and password to enable us to enter into the Grand Lodge above, where all differences of opinion will disappear in the presence of the immaculate Creator of the Universe."

In F., L. and T., your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

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#### DEGREE OF REBEKAH.

The reports from the several jurisdictions in which Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah have been chartered, continue, with two or three exceptions, to show a falling off of interest in the cause, and a very general languishment. It is obvious unless this state of things is arrested, that in another year a large majority of these Lodges will forfeit their charters, and the Lodge system so elaborately, a few years ago, provided by the Grand Lodge of the United States, will thus virtually expire. It is difficult to arrive at the real cause for the diminution of zeal and the apparent apathy which prevails in the membership of the Lodges. Some complain that too much is attempted by the present system, inasmuch as it multiplies the organizations of the Order, and under color of introducing females to Odd Fellowship, holds out a mere delusion in that direction, while it adds to the duties and labors of the membership seriously, with no corresponding advantages. Some complain that too little scope is allowed in the jurisdiction conferred, and the privileges enjoyed; again it is contended that the whole idea is a vital error, and that there is an irreconcilable aversion on the part of both sexes to the success of the measure, which is shown in the refusal of a large majority of eligible females to take the degree. Again the anomaly of the government to which it is subject, is earnestly arraigned. The Lodges are chartered by the State Grand Lodges to which they owe no statutory jurisdiction, except the obligation to report, and the penalty for failing to do so, whilst the entire control of the Lodges and the work belongs to the Grand Lodge of the United States. There must be some powerful antagonism to the success of the degree, since all experience demonstrates the rare value of woman as an auxiliary in benevolent efforts, especially in the church and in general charitable ministrations. The time has arrived for an earnest interposition to save this branch of the Order. The power of the G. L. of the U. S. has been, in vain, appealed to. It is respectfully suggested that a larger sympathy in the Degree of Rebekah resides in the State Grand Lodges, and that the whole control of it be remitted to them. It is believed that the experiment is worth the trial, since, unless some aid be supplied, the death of the Lodge system is inevitable.

## LIBRARY.

About the 1st of January, 1877, the new vault being considered sufficiently dry to receive the books and papers for which it was specially prepared, the necessary shelving was contracted for, and on its completion, the valuable books—the printed proceedings of the several Grand Bodies which have been collected from time to time, with many other works of importance, as well as valuable documents, were at once placed on the shelves and in the closets prepared for their reception. The work of arranging the mass of correspondence and other documents which had accumulated for years, and for want of room in which to properly file them had remained in bundles, was specially committed to the Assistant Grand Secretary, to whom I am indebted for its admirable arrangement. All the papers thus far placed in the vault have been properly indorsed, and will be easily obtained when wanted.

Very few additions have been made to the bound volumes during the year; the want of a few Journals of several Grand Bodies preventing the completion of the proceedings and the binding of the numbers on hand.

The catalogue is continued as follows:

## BOUNDED VOLUMES.

Per report 1876, page 6797, volumes.....	309
Received during the year:	
Grand Lodge of Indiana, Vol. IV, May, 1856, to May, 1860, pp. 749—1704, pamphlets, bound, octavo.....	1
Grand Lodge of Indiana, Vol. VII, November, 1869, to November, 1871, pp. 1—534, pamphlets, bound, octavo.....	1
Grand Lodge of Indiana, Vol. VIII, May, 1872, to May, 1876, pp. 1—1156, pamphlets, bound, octavo.....	1
Proceedings of the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of Kentucky, Annual Session, October, 1876; octavo, pp. 2719—2982; presented by Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	1
Proceedings of the Twenty-fifth Annual Communication of the R. W. Grand Lodge, of the I. O. O. F., of the State of California, May, 1877; octavo, pp. 575—794; presented to JAMES L. RIDGELY, and by him to G. L. U. S.	1
Digest of the Laws, Decisions and Enactments of the R. W. Grand Encamp- ment of California, I. O. O. F., from its organization, January 8, 1855, to and including the year 1876; octavo, pp. 198; presented by Grand Encampment of California.....	1
The Book of Laws, of the I. O. O. F., of Ontario, containing a Digest of the Laws, Decisions and Enactments of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, from its organization to and including the year 1873; octavo, pp. 240; pre- sented by the Grand Lodge of Ontario.....	1
The Odd Fellows' Companion, Columbus, Ohio, Vols. XVII and XVIII, August, 1875—July, 1876; octavo, pp. 768.....	1
First Report of the Board of Trustees of Public Schools of the District of Columbia, 1874—5; octavo, pp. 352.....	1
Public Libraries in the United States of America, their history, condition and management; Washington, Government Printing Office, 1876; octavo, pp. 1188.....	1
Heart and Hand, New York, Vols. VI and VII, July 10, 1875—June 23, 1877 .....	1
New Age, San Francisco, Vol. XII, 1876.....	1
The following were presented by Bro. E. J. PECK, P. G. of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, New York:	
The Odd Fellows' Keepsake; a concise history of Odd Fellowship in the United States; also, a history of the Order in the State of New York. By W. W. WALLACE, M. D.; New York, 1850; 12 mo., pp. 334.....	1

The Odd Fellows' Amulet; or, the principles of Odd Fellowship defined; the objections to the Order answered, and its advantages maintained, with an address to the public, the ladies and the Order. By Rev. D. W. BRISTOL, Pastor of the M. E. Church and P. G. of Osco Lodge, No. 304, at Auburn, N. Y.; New York, 1860; 12 mo., pp. 248.....	1
The Gavel; a monthly periodical devoted to Odd Fellowship and general literature, Rev. C. C. BURR and JOHN TANNER, editors; Albany, N. Y., Vol. I, September, 1844—August, 1845; octavo, pp. 324.....	1
A Digest of the Decisions of the Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the State of New York. Compiled by H. HUNT, 1850; 12 mo., pp. 120.....	1
United States Odd Fellows Guide, for 1858; 18 mo., pp. 118.....	1
Merchants' Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., New York; odes and music; octavo..	1
Digest of the Laws, Decisions and Enactments of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, I. O. O. F., from its organization in 1836 to and including the October Session, 1874; octavo, pp. 516; presented by Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	1
Official Digest and Compilation of the Laws, Decisions and Enactments of the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias, from its organization, August 11, 1868, to and including the Centennial year, 1876; octavo, pp. 188; presented by the Supreme Lodge, Knights of Pythias.....	1
Total volumes .....	329

## MISCELLANEOUS PAMPHLETS RECEIVED.

- Sixth Annual Report of the I. O. O. F. Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia, January, 1877, pp. 8.
- Fourth Annual Report of the O. F. Mutual Aid Association of Indiana, November 22, 1876, pp. 16.
- Charter, By-Laws and Regulations of the Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association of the State of Rhode Island, pp. 24.
- Report of Committee of Finance of the Odd Fellows' Beneficial Association of Rhode Island, for the year ending May 31, 1877, pp. 12.
- Seventh Annual Report of the Minnesota Odd Fellows' Mutual Benefit Society, for the year ending May 31, 1877, pp. 8.
- Eighth Annual Report of the Directors of the Masonic Mutual Relief Association of the District of Columbia, November, 1876, pp. 14, with a "Statistical table of Relief Associations."
- Semi-Annual Report of the General Relief Committee, I. O. O. F., of Columbus, Ohio, for the term ending July 7, 1877, pp. 4.
- Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity Friendly Society, Quarterly Report, October 1, 1876, pp. 150, from HENRY RATCLIFFE, C. S., and April 1, 1877, pp. 136, from Bro. JAMES SPRY, Prov. Cor. Sec'y, Plymouth District, who also sent the following:
- The Quarterly Report of the Plymouth District Branch of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, for the quarter ending April 1, 1877, pp. 10.
- Quarterly Magazine of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, No. 82, new series, April, 1877.
- Proceedings of the Grand Annual Movable Committee, Manchester Unity, session at Oldham, May 21-25, 1877.
- Bro. BRAITHWAITE, Grand Master, forwarded:
- Rules and Regulations of the Ancient Independent Order of Odd Fellows in New Zealand; Dunedin, 1869, pp. 92.
- Rules and Regulations of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows in the Colony of New Zealand, as revised, October, 1876, and registered under the Friendly Societies Act, 1867, pp. 60.

Quarterly meeting of the Standing Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, I. O. O. F., held at Melbourne, May 7, 1877, pp. 4. From Bro. CURTIS, Grand Secretary.

History of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows of Louisiana. Prepared by Bro. JOHN G. DUNLAP, P. G. M. and P. G. P., and published under the authority of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Louisiana, New Orleans, 1877, pp. 26.

Odd Fellowship, its Rise, Progress and Results; delivered by request of Washington Lodge, No. 1, on the occasion of its Fifty-eighth Anniversary, April 23, 1877, in the Grand Lodge room, Baltimore, Md., by Rev. WILLIAM TAYLOR, P. G. of Welcome Lodge, No. 229, of Philadelphia, Pa., pp. 24.

Journal of the Supreme Lodge Knights of Pythias of the World, Eighth Annual Session, Philadelphia, August, 1876, pp. 1189-1348. From JOSEPH DOWDALL, S. K. of R. and S.

Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, Knights of Pythias, Ninth Annual Session, held in Baltimore, February, 1877, pp. 219-424. From JAMES WHITEHOUSE, G. K. of R. and S.

Independent Order of Mechanics. Annual Session of the Supreme Lodge, held at Indianapolis, Indiana, May, 1877, pp. 133-164. From WM. LOUIS SCHLEY, S. R. Secretary.

Independent Order of Mechanics. Proceedings of the Seventh Annual Session of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, March, 1877, pp. 783-896. From WM. LOUIS SCHLEY, G. R. Secretary.

Congressional Directory, February 1, 1875; January 22, 1876; August 12, 1876; December 13, 1876; February 1, 1877. From Bro. R. B. NIXON, P. G., Washington, D. C.

Report of the Centennial Committee of Arrangements, Chosen Friends Lodge, No. 100, I.O.O.F., Philadelphia; Odd Fellows' tribute to American Independence, Philadelphia, September 20, 1876, pp. 32.

Fifty-eighth Anniversary of Odd Fellowship in America. Public exercises in Tweedle Hall, April 26, 1877, under the auspices of Clinton Lodge, No. 7, I. O. O. F., Albany, N. Y., pp. 12.

Constitution of the Veteran Association of the I. O. O. F., of Cincinnati, Ohio, organized April 17, 1876, pp. 12.

Constitution of the Association of Veteran Odd Fellows of California, organized April 14, 1877, pp. 20.

I. O. O. F. A few Notes for future Historians of the Order in Chile. By WILLIAM J. COX, P. G., P. H. P., Valparaiso, 1876, pp. 16. From Bro. C. A. LOGAN, P. G. Sire.

We are indebted to Bro. E. J. PECK, P. G. of Columbia Lodge, No. 1, New York, for the following:

Address and Oration, together with the odes and other ceremonies had in commemorating the Seventeenth Anniversary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F. of the State of New York, at the Methodist Episcopal Church, Greene street, June 5, 1840, pp. 30.

Address delivered at the First Anniversary of Merchants' Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., of the State of New York, by Bro. A. McARTHUR, April 4, 1846, pp. 16.

What is Odd Fellowship? An Address delivered in the city of New York before Templar Lodge, No. 235, I. O. O. F., on the occasion of their Second Anniversary, by Rev. E. M. P. WELLS, of St. Stephen's Chapel, Boston. 1848, pp. 26.

An Address, delivered before Merchants' Lodge, No. 150, I. O. O. F., of the city of New York, on the occasion of its Fourth Anniversary, April 4, 1849, by Bro. ARTHUR McARTHUR, P. G., pp. 12.

Address of P. G. ARTHUR McARTHUR, Esq., at the celebration of the Fourth Anniversary of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, held in Milwaukee, July 18, 1850, pp. 22.

- Address by P. G. ALBERT CARDIZOZO, delivered by request of Polar Star Lodge, No. 340, I. O. O. F., New York. 1854, pp. 12.
- Address at the celebration of the Fifty-first Anniversary of the I. O. O. F., delivered at Liberty, Missouri, on the 26th day of April, 1870, by P. G. M. JOHN DONIPHAN, pp. 16.
- Constitution and By-Laws of Getty's Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F., of New York, 1834, pp. 16.
- List of members of Oriental Lodge, No. 68, I. O. O. F., of New York, January 28, 1848, pp. 18.
- Constitution, By-Laws, &c., of the I. O. O. F. Library Association, of the city of New York. Incorporated June, 1842, pp. 36.
- Memorandum and Articles of Association of the Edinburgh (Scotland,) Odd Fellows' Hall Company, Registered 1st May, 1872, pp. 16.
- Statutes of the Christian and Military Order of The Fratres Militiae Templi, or The Brothers Soldiers of the Temple, 1858, pp. 40.
- The Lodge Room, quarto, Vol. 1, Nos. 21 and 23, November 21 and December 5, 1868.
- Sundry By-Laws of Funeral Benefit Associations, etc.

Bro. L. F. RANDOLPH, P. G. of Washington, D. C., has forwarded thirty-two pamphlets, being a set of the "Roll of Honor—Lists of Soldiers buried in National Cemeteries," concerning which he says: "These volumes inform us of the last resting place of all that is mortal of very many thousands of our brave countrymen, among whom we well know are many once associated with us in the great cause of Odd Fellowship, and to the friends of such, these works in the Grand Lodge Library may some day prove invaluable. They having been furnished to me by the Quartermaster-General's Office for the purpose indicated, no acknowledgment is required, and I am only too glad to be the medium of transmittal."

#### JOURNALS OF GRAND BODIES RECEIVED.

##### *Grand Lodges.*

- Alabama, February, 1877, pp. 1225–1268.  
 Arkansas, October, 1876, pp. 1–58.  
 Australia, August, 1876, pp. 1–76.  
 British Columbia, February, 1877, pp. 63–94.  
 California, May, 1877, pp. 575–794. (Also, bound volume.)  
 Chile, July, 1876, pp. 39–78.  
 Colorado, October, 1876, pp. 571–622.  
 Connecticut, May, 1877, pp. 251–298.  
 Dakota, October, 1875, pp. 1–56. October, 1876, pp. 57–130.  
 Delaware, October, 1876, pp. 1249–1368.  
 District of Columbia, 1875 and 1876, pp. 1–92.  
 Florida, May, 1876, pp. 87–138. April, 1877, pp. 139–204.  
 Georgia, August, 1876, pp. 255–310.  
 Germany.—German Empire, August, 1876, pp. 1–206. *Want* 1873.  
     Brandenburg, *none received*. *Want* 1875, 1876 and 1877.  
     Hannover, July, 1876, pp. 1–58.  
     Saxony, *none received*.  
     Wurttemberg, July, 1876, pp. 1–48. *Want* 1875 and 1877.  
 Illinois, October, 1876, pp. 1–220.  
 Indiana, November, 1876, pp. 1–144. May, 1877, pp. 145–282. (See note.)  
 Iowa, October, 1876, pp. 239–366.  
 Kansas, October, 1876, pp. 1641–1860.  
 Kentucky, October, 1876, pp. 2719–2982. (Bound volume. See note.)  
 Louisiana, January, 1877, pp. 1269–1376.  
 Lower Provinces, August, 1875, pp. 1–68. August, 1876, pp. 1–62.

- Maine, August, 1876, pp. 957-1036. *Want 1848 to 1855, and 1857.*  
 Maryland, April, 1877, pp. 139-270.  
 Massachusetts, August, 1876, pp. 719-826. February, 1877, pp. 827-942.  
 Michigan, February, 1877, pp. 1-172.  
 Minnesota, June, 1877, pp. 1-64.  
 Mississippi, July, 1876, pp. 1-82; (and G. Encampment Journal, July, 1876,  
     pp. 83-106). *Want 1875.*  
 Missouri, May, 1877, pp. 487-654. (See note) *Want 1876.*  
 Montana, July, 1874, to January, 1876, pp. 1-98. January, 1877, pp. 1-74.  
 Nebraska, October, 1874, pp. 1-72. October, 1875, pp. 1-66. October, 1876,  
     pp. 1-80.  
 Nevada, June, 1875, pp. 909-1042. June, 1876, pp. 1043-1150.  
 New Hampshire, October, 1876, pp. 681-768.  
 New Jersey, November, 1876, pp. 1-172.  
 New York, August, 1876, pp. 515-782.  
 New Zealand, August and September, 1875, pp. 1-24. September and October,  
     1876, pp. 1-32.  
 North Carolina, May, 1876, pp. 227-374. May, 1877, pp. 375-500.  
 Ohio, May, 1877, pp. 1685-1910.  
 Ontario, August, 1875, pp. 1307-1544. August, 1876, pp. 1545-1826.  
 Oregon, May, 1877, pp. 1999-3102.  
 Pennsylvania, November, 1876, pp. 321-400. May, 1877, pp. 401-600.  
 Rhode Island, February and August, 1876, pp. 1-208. *Want 1875 and 1877.*  
 South Carolina, *none received.*  
 Switzerland, April, 1877, pp. 1-16. *Want 1875 and 1876.*  
 Tennessee, October, 1876, pp. 2023-2128. (See note.)  
 Texas, February, 1877, pp. 993-1236.  
 Utah, April, 1876, pp. 109-184. April, 1877, pp. 185-282.  
 Vermont, *none received.* *Want 1876 and 1877.*  
 Virginia, April, 1877, pp. 1-72.  
 West Virginia, October, 1874, pp. 733-856. October, 1876, pp. 951-1054.  
 Wisconsin, December, 1876, pp. 2463-2628.  
 Wyoming, October, 1876, pp. 1-52.

#### *Grand Encampments.*

- Alabama, February, 1876, pp. 201-226. February, 1877, pp. 227-250. (See note.)  
 Arkansas, *none received.* *Want all proceedings.*  
 California, May, 1877, pp. 1387-1460.  
 Colorado, October, 1876, pp. 115-142. (See note.)  
 Connecticut, October, 1876, pp. 581-608.  
 Delaware, October, 1875, pp. 187-212. *Want 1876.*  
 District of Columbia, year 1876, pp. 271-302.  
 Georgia, August, 1876, pp. 149-186.  
 Illinois, October, 1876, pp. 1-68.  
 Indiana, November, 1876, pp. 1-48. May, 1877, pp. 49-88.  
 Iowa, October, 1876, pp. 265-300.  
 Kansas, October, 1876, pp. 313-352. March, 1877, pp. 353-442. *Want 1875.*  
 Kentucky, October, 1876, pp. 735-824.  
 Louisiana, *none received.* *Want 1861 to 1873, 1876 and 1877.*  
 Maine, August, 1876, pp. 331-370. *Want 1850-1853.*  
 Maryland, October, 1876, pp. 1-46.  
 Massachusetts, August, 1876, pp. 241-300.  
 Michigan, *none received.* *Want 1876 and 1877.*  
 Minnesota, June, 1876, pp. 81-96.  
 Mississippi, July, 1876, pp. 83-106, (with Grand Lodge Journal.)  
 Missouri, May, 1877, pp. 1-44.  
 Nebraska, April, 1872, to October, 1875, pp. 1-96. October, 1876, pp. 1-46.

Nevada, June, 1877, pp. 97-136. *Want 1875 and 1876.*  
 New Hampshire, October, 1876, pp. 313-342.  
 New Jersey, November, 1876, pp. 559-620.  
 New York, *none received.* *Want 1876 and 1877.*  
 North Carolina, May, 1877, pp. 1-20.  
 Ohio, May, 1877, pp. 1403-1486.  
 Ontario, *none received.* *Want 1876 and 1877.*  
 Oregon, May, 1877, pp. 1-26. *Want 1876.*  
 Pennsylvania, November, 1876, and May, 1877, pp. 273-370.  
 Rhode Island, March, 1876, pp. 319-398. March, 1877, pp. 399-454.  
 South Carolina, *none received.*  
 Tennessee, October, 1876, pp. 715-754.  
 Texas, *none received.* *Want 1877.*  
 Vermont, February, 1876, pp. 1-36. February, 1877, pp. 1-36.  
 Victoria, (Australia), *none received.*  
 Virginia, April, 1877, pp. 1-26.  
 West Virginia, October, 1876, pp. 299-334.  
 Wisconsin, December, 1876, pp. 737-800. December, 1873, pp. 421-532. December, 1874, pp. 533-664.

The Journals noted as wanted are of recent date; others needed will be found on pp. 6064 and 6065 Journal of 1874.

NOTE.—In addition to the above, Bro. G. W. L. CROOK, P. G., of Memphis, Tennessee, has sent to this office the following:

Grand Encampment of Colorado, October, 1874, pp. 51-84.  
 Grand Lodge of Missouri, May, 1874, pp. 129-258.  
 Grand Lodge of Tennessee, October, 1871, pp. 1411-1510.

Bro. E. J. PECK, P. G., of New York, has also kindly forwarded the following:  
 Grand Encampment of Alabama, February, 1873, pp. 121-146.  
 Grand Lodge of Indiana, November, 1857, pp. 1073-1210.  
 Grand Lodge of Kentucky, February, 1844, pp. 31-40,

Bro. L. B. HILLS, Grand Secretary, Madison, Wisconsin, has supplied the following:

Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, July 21, 1847, pp. 1-28. January, 1852, pp. 201-294. December, 1872, pp. 1825-2028.

The above have been heretofore noticed as being required to complete sets.

It will be observed that the list of Journals received during the year is more complete than any heretofore, but a great many missing numbers are required to complete the volumes, and the request, so frequently made, is earnestly repeated, that Grand Secretaries, Grand Scribes and members of the Order generally, will exert themselves to supply this office with such proceedings as are wanted to make the files of Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Journals complete.

#### PERIODICALS RECEIVED.

*The Companion and American Odd Fellow*, Columbus, Ohio; octavo, monthly, October, 1876—September, 1877. (See bound volumes.)  
*The Odd Fellows' Talisman*, Indianapolis, Indiana; octavo, monthly, October, 1876—September, 1877.  
*Heart and Hand*, New York and Philadelphia; bi-weekly, Vol. 7, Nos. 5-26, September 2, 1876—June 23, 1877. (See bound volumes.)  
*New Age*, San Francisco, California; weekly, Vol. 12, Nos. 36-53; September 2—December 30, 1876. Vol. 13, Nos. 1-34, January 6—August 25, 1877. (See bound volumes.)  
*Der Fuhrer* (German), New York; weekly, Vol. 4, Nos. 22-52, September 1, 1876—March 30, 1876. Vol. 5, Nos. 1-22, April 6—August 31, 1877. No. 21 of Vol. 3, August 27, 1875, and No. 24 of Vol. 4, September 15, 1876, are wanted to complete the file.

*The Odd Fellows' Chronicle*, Centreville, Indiana; weekly, Vol. 4, Nos. 1-41, September 30, 1876—July 21, 1877. Nos. 26, 27, 30, 36, 38, 39, and all since No. 41, have failed to reach this office.

*The Mystic Jewel*, Cincinnati, Ohio; bi-weekly, Vol. 6, Nos. 22-52, July 14, 1876—February 24, 1877. Vol. 7, Nos. 1-14, March 3—September 1, 1877. Nos. 28, 31, 45, of Vol. 6, were not received,

*The Odd Fellows' Banner*, Bloomfield, Iowa; weekly, Vol. 3. Nos. 17-41, February 8—August 2, 1877, except Nos. 28, 29, 36, 39 and 40, not received.

*Herz und Hand* (German), Berlin, Prussia; semi-monthly, Vol. 5, Nos. 22-24, August 13—September 15, 1876. Vol. 6, Nos. 1-22, October 1, 1876—August 13, 1877. Nos. 1, 3, 4 and 6, of Volume 3, are wanted to complete the file of this paper.

A few numbers of the Michigan Odd Fellow, Keystone Odd Fellow, The Southern Odd Fellow, The Guardian, Maine Free Mason and Odd Fellow, The Knight's Sword and Helmet, Canadian Journal of Odd Fellowship, and Texas Odd Fellow, have been received.

#### WARRANTS ISSUED DURING THE RECESS.

Returns have been received of the institution of four subordinate Encampments and six subordinate Lodges, for which the Grand Sire issued warrants during the recess, as follows:

#### SUBORDINATE ENCAMPSMENTS.

ATAHUALPA, No. 1, instituted at Lima, Republic of Peru, South America, September 22, 1876, by C. A. LOGAN, P. G. Sire, Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of twenty Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment Degrees by the Special Deputy, by authority of the M. W. Grand Sire.

PORT LAJOIE, No. 13, instituted at Charlottetown, Province of Prince Edward Island, Dominion of Canada, October 24, 1876, by R. RADFORD BARNES, P. G. Rep., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of seven Patriarchs holding withdrawal cards.

HARMONY, No. 2, at New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Dominion of Canada, on the petition of nine Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment Degrees, by authority of the M. W. Grand Sire. The Encampment was instituted July 24, 1877, by J. S. DRUMMOND, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire.

UNITY, No. 2, at Seattle, Washington Territory, on the petition of two Patriarchs holding withdrawal cards, and ten Patriarchs instructed in the Encampment Degrees, by authority of the M. W. Grand Sire. The Encampment was instituted August 24, 1877, by H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire.

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

NEW CASTLE, No. 8, instituted at New Castle, Washington Territory, February 10, 1877, by HENRY G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of nine brothers holding withdrawal cards.

MOUNT BAKER, No. 9, instituted at Port Townsend, Washington Territory, February 26, 1877, by HENRY G. STRUVE, P. G. M., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of six brothers holding withdrawal cards.

PATIT, No. 10, instituted at Dayton, Washington Territory, March 8, 1877, by E. L. POWELL, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of six brothers holding withdrawal cards.

BEAVER, No. 6, instituted at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, March 6, 1877, by G. VAREY, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of thirteen brothers holding withdrawal cards.

PIONEER, No. 7, instituted at Richmond, Province of Quebec, Dominion of Canada, April 14, 1877, by G. VAREY, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of six brothers holding withdrawal cards.

McALISTER, No. 3, instituted at McAlister, Choctaw Nation, Indian Territory, April 26, 1877, by ISRAEL W. STONE, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire, on the petition of five brothers holding withdrawal cards.

Returns are received of the institution of the following, the warrants for which were confirmed at the last session:

FORTSCHRITT LODGE, No. 3, at Lima, Republic of Peru, South America, October 30, 1876, by N. HURWITZ, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire.

CHALACO LODGE, No. 4, at Callao, Republic of Peru, South America, October 31, 1876, by N. HURWITZ, P. G., Special Deputy Grand Sire.

PARADISE LODGE, No. 1, at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, March 19, 1877, by F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, Special Deputy Grand Sire.

The papers relating to the applications for the several Encampments and Lodges, together with the cards and the returns of the Special Deputies, are herewith submitted.

#### SUBORDINATE REPORTS.

The returns of the Encampments and Lodges under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year 1876, have generally reached this office in good season. By referring to the tables, it will be seen that Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, London, England; Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, England, and Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, failed to report.

#### ANNUAL REPORTS OF STATE GRAND BODIES AND THEIR RETURN.

The law touching the character of these returns and their transmission to this office, is well known to Grand Secretaries and Grand Scribes. It is printed conspicuously on the form of report supplied by this office, and can hardly escape their notice. The importance and value of a strict compliance with this law is known also to them from their practical experience in their respective offices, and yet neglect to make the returns until long after the time prescribed by the law, continues in some instances. I have complained year after year of the inconvenience and difficulty which it interposes in my way in the preparation of my Annual Report. The Grand Lodge has urged upon the State Grand Bodies from time to time their duty in the premises, yet it will be perceived that the evil still exists. I once more respectfully ask for legislation on this subject either by the imposition of a fine for the neglect or by the exclusion of all delinquent reports from the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary's Annual Statement. The latter course, although it would probably lead to a change of the offending officer, would seriously impair the aggregate value of the statistics given, which would be a greater evil than that complained of.

#### TRANSLATION OF THE RITUAL INTO THE HOLLAND TONGUE.

From Bro. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire, we learn that one initiatory charge book has been translated under his supervision into the Holland Tongue. A copy of this work has been promised, a portion of which has been received and is herewith presented for your examination and action, subject to the understanding that, unless satisfactory, it will involve no expense to the Grand Lodge.

I have received from P. G. Sire OSTHEIM several important letters immediately preceding the session, referring to the completion of the translation of the initiatory into the Holland Tongue, under his supervision, and to its correct printing in that language, also to his continuous and successful labors in the matter of introducing Odd Fellowship into Holland. I have heretofore taken

occasion to commend the valuable services of this worthy brother in this connection, and now take pleasure in again presenting to the Grand Lodge his claims to its special appreciation. I feel warranted in expressing the opinion, that without his invaluable aid our efforts in that direction would have proved fruitless. The letters received will be submitted to the Committee on Foreign Relations, or Correspondence, as may be ordered.

#### FLORIDA ODD FELLOWS' HOME.

I respectfully commend to the attention of the Grand Lodge the just claim upon its attention of the movement referred to in the letter printed in this report, under "Florida." It is well known the favorable climate of that State attracts, during our severe winters, very many invalids from the North and West. It is alleged that our Lodges in that jurisdiction are subject, in consequence, to many calls for aid and assistance to destitute Odd Fellows. If, upon inquiry, this shall be found to be true, the subject is one of general interest.

#### GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

Touching the application to authorize this Grand Lodge to print its own supplies, I refer to the legislation of 1869, pages 4591, 4615. It will be there found that, upon the recommendation of the M. W. Grand Sire, the Grand Lodge accorded such a privilege to the Grand Lodge of Australia; it was reconsidered and postponed, however, to the next session, page 4679, and no further action appears to have been had on the subject. In view of this precedent, and the uniformity of its application to foreign jurisdictions, it will hardly be expected that the Grand Lodge will now recede from its position in the premises. I should be glad to recommend any proper measure for the benefit of our German brethren, for which they apply, but fear that in this instance, if the request made was granted, a door would be opened to dangerous results, which might not be easily afterwards closed. I prefer to granting this application, to furnish all foreign jurisdictions with supplies at cost. The letter referred to will be found under the head of "Miscellaneous."

#### ADDITIONAL INDEX TO THE JOURNAL.

It will be recollected that, at the suggestion of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, there was included with the Journal of 1875, in the eighth bound volume Revised Journal, an index of the same, by Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. Rep., which was reported with his general index, thus making the bound Journal and index continuous from 1821 to 1875. This fact was communicated in the Grand Secretary's report at the last session, page 6766, Journal. An appropriation was asked for the same, but failed to receive attention. I again respectfully present the subject, and ask for the proper appropriation.

#### DIGEST.

The present edition of the Digest includes the legislation of 1874, and I deem it proper to state, what may not be generally known, that the *first edition* only, (published in 1870,) was *electrotyped*. The additions, embracing the legislation from 1871 to 1874, inclusive, were not *electrotyped*, but 4000 copies of them were printed in 1875, a number which it was supposed would be sufficient to supply the demand until an entirely new edition of the work should be ordered. These sheets have been sold, and used in Digests until only 1600 copies remain, hardly enough to last two years if the demand for them continues in the same ratio as heretofore. I mention this subject now, that the Grand Lodge may consider the propriety of ordering an entire revision of the work and the incorporation of the additions found in the "Supplemental Digest" and interleaved in all editions of the Digest since 1875, together with later legislation, in their appropriate places in the body of the work.

## REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER, IN 1876, ON THE FINANCES.

The Corresponding and Recording Secretary would not have referred to this subject but for the fact that the statement proceeding from the Grand Treasurer has been assumed as authoritative, and has consequently misled the Order, and created a considerable excitement, especially among the periodical press, touching the financial condition of the Grand Lodge. Speaking from the only reliable source of authority on the subject—the books and accounts of this office, as kept by the Assistant Grand Secretary—I present the following authentic statement, from which it will be seen that much of the controversy had upon the subject has been wholly unnecessary, and that the financial condition of the Grand Lodge has been, as to revenue and expense, as good during the past several years as in its ordinary career heretofore, and that the decrease has arisen chiefly from the condition of the times and the fact that the former excesses have arisen from *extraordinary* revenue—such as the sale of the revised Ritual.

The Grand Treasurer, in his report last year (Journal, p. 6925), gave "a comparison of the financial condition of the Lodge at the close of the fiscal years 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876." There was a slight error in this statement, as the Grand Treasurer lost sight of the fact that the statement of 1873 was made to the 16th of September, the second day of the session, and included \$4,257.91 received by the G. Secretary "after the close of the Annual Report, up to and including September 15, 1873" (Journal, 5778-80), while the statements for 1874, '5 and '6 were made *to and including the 31st day of August in those years*. Bringing the transactions of 1876, to and including the 18th day of September, would add \$2,966.84 to the cash balance, making the aggregate \$36,403.69, instead of \$33,436.85, and the "aggregate diminution of assets since 1873," \$11,068.89, instead of \$14,035.55, "the average annual decrease," \$3,689.63, instead of \$4,678.52. But as the balances in 1876 amounted to a larger sum than in 1873, and as such balances, have all or nearly all been paid since that date, they should properly be treated as cash assets. This erroneous statement has led to much unnecessary comment on the finances of the Grand Lodge, to correct which I submit the following as the true condition of the finances on the second day of the session, for the years 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876 as appears by the books of this office:

	CASH.	BONDS.	BALANCES.	TOTAL.
1873,	\$23,472 40	\$24,000 00	\$3,046 36	\$50,518 76
1874,	21,053 23	24,000 00	5,665 84	50,719 07
1875,	19,327 95	22,000 00	3,949 38	45,277 33
1876,	14,403 69	22,000 00	5,246 77	41,650 46

So that "the aggregate diminution of assets since 1873 has been" \$8,868.30, instead of \$14,035.55, "and the average annual decrease" \$2,956.10, instead of \$4,678.52. It should be remembered, however, that during the year, from September, 1872, to September, 1873, the funds were largely augmented by the sale of the revised Charge Book, a profit of \$18,270.44, as appears by Journal, page 5669, being realized from that source alone; the total profit on supplies amounting to \$33,471.55, of which an additional investment in bonds, amounting to \$10,000.00, was made; while in the year immediately succeeding, on account of many of the revised books being exchanged at *less than the cost of manufacture* (by order of the Grand Lodge), a profit of only \$22,546.92 was realized from all the supplies disposed of during the year. In addition to this, an allowance should be made for the money expended (\$3,206.52) for the erection of a new office and fire-proof vault, for which the diminution of cash assets in 1875-6 is largely attributable. Had the Revised Degree, and other books ordered in 1873, been exchanged on the same basis as the Charge books, the Grand Lodge would have received at least \$20,000 more than were realized by putting the books into circulation at fifty cents per copy. It will therefore be seen that, notwithstanding the diminished demand for supplies from 1874 to

1876, the expenses have not so largely exceeded the receipts as might have been reasonably anticipated.

These remarks are made in no spirit of complaint against my worthy brother, the R. W. Grand Treasurer, who is so universally esteemed and beloved, but simply to correct a misled opinion as to the true state of the finances.

That the Grand Lodge may have a correct understanding as to the wide difference between the amount received for representative tax and the expenses attending the annual sessions, I submit the following statement:

	1874.	1875.	1876.
Mileage and per diem.....	\$20,452 50	\$18,707 40	\$20,890 30
Officers' Reports.....	563 03	592 34	534 80
Daily Journal.....	814 50	721 89	671 84
Revised Journal.....	5,407 02	5,893 99	6,078 61
Digests, Journals, etc., to members and others.....	633 70	1,261 11	1,013 27
Postage on Reports and Journal mailed by members .....	265 50	376 42	260 47
Postage and freight on Revised Journal to members.....	134 55	457 20	156 01
Freight on boxes to and from Atlanta, Indianapolis and Philadelphia.....	87 45	98 28	89 51
Special appropriations.....	1,413 44	368 83	549 54
 Total.....	 \$29,771 69	 \$28,477 46	 \$30,244 35
Representative tax received.....	\$10,050 00	\$10,275 00	\$10,575 00

The following is an exhibit of the receipts, cash on hand, and amount invested in bonds, as appears by the reports of the Grand Treasurer, from 1861 to 1876, inclusive:

RECEIPTS FOR TAX AND SUPPLIES.	CASH ON HAND.	BONDS.	TOTAL.
1861, \$10,646 11	\$6,679 36	Borrowed on three notes of Grand Lodge, \$1,000.00.	
1862, 10,699 56	8,162 15	Received also \$1,000.00 from estate of P. G. Sire Wildey.	
1863, 10,040 34	8,701 02	Received also \$6,089.80 from estate of P. G. Sire Wildey; and invested in bonds \$6,000.00.	
1864, 11,822 40	7,666 29	\$6,000 00	\$13,666 29
1865, 18,956 73	13,799 00	2,000 00	15,799 00
1866, 27,019 17	18,894 86	4,000 00	22,894 86
1867, 28,772 89	20,312 21	8,000 00	28,312 21
1868, 29,630 86	19,100 82	10,000 00	29,100 82
1869, 33,147 14	24,839 19	10,000 00	34,839 19
1870, 32,953 71	20,941 71	8,000 00	28,941 71
1871, 43,080 79	23,770 04	14,000 00	37,770 04
1872, 42,354 66	22,699 03	14,000 00	36,699 03
1873, 50,456 95	23,472 40	24,000 00	47,472 40
1874, 44,256 34	18,188 30	24,000 00	42,188 30
1875, 37,932 66	16,386 70	22,000 00	38,386 70
1876, 36,651 49	11,436 85	22,000 00	33,436 85

#### REPORT OF GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY.

This officer, participating most cordially with the general desire to economize the funds of the Grand Lodge, has strained a point to curtail its expenses in his department, especially in printing, wherever, consistently with the public welfare, such retrenchment could be made. He has therefore strictly complied with the legislation of the last session, by suppressing the printing of all foreign and

other correspondence which could be sufficiently presented in a condensed form, so as to give the Grand Lodge substantially all necessary information without printing details. In conformity also to the suggestion to that effect by the Committee on Printing Supplies, he has omitted several of the tables relating to the financial transactions of his office, believing that they sufficiently enlightened the Grand Lodge when submitted to the Committee on Finance in manuscript, instead of being printed in detail in the report. Such only as I deem important to present in detail, for preservation as historic facts, are continued in the usual detailed form, viz.: Receipts from Grand and Subordinate Bodies and individuals; statement of supplies received, disposed of and on hand; balances, and balance sheet. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary has also presented whatever views have occurred to him from the experience and observations of the year, in as condensed and exact a form as could be employed, and has generally consulted brevity as far as practicable in his report.

#### FURNISHING THE NEW OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

At the session of 1876 the Committee on Erection of Fire Proof Building, recommended concerning the vault, that "a small appropriation for shelves for it will be required;" also, that "the office needs to be furnished, and an appropriation for that purpose should be made." The report of the Committee on Finance (Journal 7070), appropriated "furniture for Grand Secretary's office, or so much as is necessary, \$500." In the absence of specific directions as to the expenditure of the money, the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary invited Brothers JOSHUA VANSANT, Grand Treasurer; THEODORE A. ROSS, Assistant Grand Secretary, and ALEXANDER L. SPEAR, Grand Representative, to procure suitable furniture, who at once discharged the duty. It was found necessary to procure a new carpet for the general office, which expense, with the cost of shelving for the vault, exceeded the appropriation. This result, however, was unavoidable, as the articles could not be supplied for less than the committee paid for them. The items of expenditure are as follows:

Desk and chairs.....	\$210 00
Window shades.....	7 00
Book shelf.....	5 00
Gas fixtures.....	55 00
Grate, fender, etc.....	36 00
Carpet, matting and oil cloth.....	130 10
Iron plates for steps, and zinc for vestibule.....	16 45
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	\$459 55
Shelving in vault.....	134 00
Carpet in back office.....	79 90
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Total.....	\$673 45

The iron safe has been disposed of for \$300.00, and the amount was paid to the Grand Treasurer on the 4th day of September.

#### SUPPLIES.

The books, cards, etc, as required, have been promptly furnished by the Committee on Printing Supplies, and there has been no delay in forwarding orders immediately on receipt.

A statement exhibiting the quantity received, disposed of and on hand, accompanies this report.

#### FINANCES.

The details of the receipts of this office during the year are presented herewith in tabular form, as customary. The amount received has been promptly placed in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, whose vouchers for the same will be delivered to the Committee on Finance.

## RECEIPTS of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal

GRAND LODGES.	Balance Sept. 1, 1876.	Postage and freight.	Odes.	Cards.
Alabama.....	\$197 22	\$0 40	\$5 00	\$33 60
Arkansas.....	.....	.....	10 00	30 00
Australia.....	328 15	17 75	.....	14
British Columbia.....	.....	.....	10 00	5 00
California.....	484 46	3 61	73 20	366 40
Chile.....	208 83	.....	17 67	.....
Colorado.....	.....	1 40	10 00	35 60
Connecticut.....	.....	.....	65 00	230 00
Dakota.....	.....	2 50	1 00	15 00
Delaware.....	.....	10	.....	40 00
District of Columbia.....	.....	.....	2 50	27 00
Florida.....	24 00	1 00	.....	4 80
Georgia.....	.....	.....	15 95	28 80
German Empire.....	91 35	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	.....	.....	135 00	1,020 42
Indiana.....	155 00	.....	90 00	512 40
Iowa.....	.....	.....	55 00	500 00
Kansas.....	.....	40	30 30	270 80
Kentucky.....	267 26	.....	15 00	171 90
Louisiana.....	.....	.....	5 00	40 00
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	79 00	2 42	20 50	40 00
Maine.....	.....	.....	32 50	202 40
Maryland.....	.....	.....	6 20	85 00
Massachusetts.....	.....	.....	92 50	920 00
Michigan.....	214 00	.....	45 00	345 00
Minnesota.....	.....	.....	21 20	102 40
Mississippi.....	7 50	10	.....	.....
Missouri.....	.....	.....	30 00	276 00
Montana.....	120 83	1 75	.....	.....
Nebraska.....	347 34	.....	15 00	130 00
Nevada.....	281 31	.....	5 00	118 69
New Hampshire.....	.....	.....	42 00	330 00
New Jersey.....	.....	34	70 00	200 00
New York.....	230 25	18	142 00	851 00
North Carolina.....	138 22	.....	5 00	23 20
Ohio.....	.....	20	182 50	600 00
Ontario.....	.....	.....	60 00	40 00
Oregon.....	352 12	1 35	23 65	60 00
Pennsylvania.....	200 00	.....	61 25	765 00
Rhode Island.....	212 44	.....	.....	200 00
South Carolina.....	136 85	.....	.....	.....
Switzerland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee.....	352 72	.....	5 00	80 00
Texas.....	890 47	.....	83 50	240 00
Utah.....	.....	1 25	3 00	33 60
Vermont.....	230 45	.....	5 00	52 20
Virginia.....	.....	27	2 50	.....
West Virginia.....	.....	11	10 00	40 00
Wisconsin.....	126 50	.....	69 00	379 20
Wyoming.....	.....	2 90	.....	8 80
	\$5,676 27	\$38 03	\$1,572 92	\$9,454 35

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GRAND LODGES.	Diplomas	Books.	Repre- sentative Tax.	Total.
Alabama .....			\$150 00	\$386 22
Arkansas.....	\$13 00	\$25 00	150 00	228 00
Australia.....				346 00
British Columbia.....	25 00	44 20		84 20
California.....		76 00	150 00	1,153 67
Chile .....		100 00		326 50
Colorado.....		41 30	150 00	238 30
Connecticut.....		68 00	150 00	513 00
Dakota .....	7 00	43 50	75 00	144 00
Delaware.....		1 40	150 00	191 50
District of Columbia.....		16 15		45 65
Florida .....	5.00	15 50		50 30
Georgia.....		39 20	150 00	233 95
German Empire.....	9 37	34 50		135 22
Illinois.....		454 50	150 00	1,759 92
Indiana.....		264 00	150 00	1,171 40
Iowa.....		265 35	150 00	970 35
Kansas .....		178 50	150 00	630 00
Kentucky .....		48 00		502 16
Louisiana.....		8 55	150 00	203 55
Lower Provinces, B. N. A .....	25 00	30 00	150 00	346 92
Maine.....		83 25	150 00	468 15
Maryland .....		30 30	150 00	271 50
Massachusetts .....	37 50	190 00	150 00	1,390 00
Michigan .....		241 25	150 00	995 25
Minnesota .....	2 40	150 00	150 00	426 00
Mississippi.....		3 00	150 00	160 60
Missouri .....	15 00	104 00	150 00	575 00
Montana .....			75 00	197 58
Nebraska .....		36 00		528 34
Nevada.....		45 00	150 00	600 00
New Hampshire.....		123 00	150 00	645 00
New Jersey.....		93 50	150 00	513 84
New York.....	25 00	317 25	150 00	1,715 68
North Carolina.....		32 00	150 00	348 42
Ohio.....		168 00	150 00	1,100 70
Ontario.....		81 00	150 00	331 00
Oregon .....		105 00	150 00	692 12
Pennsylvania .....		241 40	150 00	1,417 65
Rhode Island.....	50 00	17 40	150 00	629 84
South Carolina.....				136 85
Switzerland .....				
Tennessee .....		14 50	150 00	602 22
Texas.....	27 00	343 50	150 00	1,734 47
Utah .....	2 40	24 40	75 00	139 65
Vermont .....		9 00	150 00	446 65
Virginia .....		16 00	150 00	168 77
West Virginia.....	2 00	56 30		108 41
Wisconsin .....		196 80	150 00	921 50
Wyoming .....		10 80		22 50
	\$245 67	\$4,486 30	\$5,475 00	\$26,948 54

## RECEIPTS of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal

GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Balance, Sept. 1, 1876.	Postage and freight.	Odes.	Cards.
Alabama .....	\$75 00	.....	.....	.....
Arkansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California .....	61 35	\$1 25	\$9 35	\$14 40
Colorado .....	.....	.....	2 50	14 40
Connecticut .....	.....	.....	15 00	.....
Delaware .....	75 00	.....	.....	.....
District of Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Georgia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois .....	.....	.....	10 00	80 00
Indiana .....	20 00	.....	2 50	50 00
Iowa .....	.....	.....	.....	40 00
Kansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky .....	140 00	.....	5 00	20 00
Louisiana .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maryland .....	.....	.....	2 50	10 00
Massachusetts .....	.....	.....	10 00	200 00
Michigan .....	210 00	.....	.....	20 00
Minnesota .....	.....	.....	60	.....
Mississippi .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri .....	10 45	.....	.....	.....
Nebraska .....	75 00	.....	.....	.....
Nevada .....	53 93	.....	.....	.....
New Hampshire .....	.....	.....	5 00	100 00
New Jersey .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
New York .....	152 00	.....	20 00	40 00
North Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ohio .....	.....	.....	5 00	100 00
Ontario .....	3 26	1 19	.....	31 00
Oregon .....	75 87	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania .....	.....	.....	.....	60 00
Rhode Island .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
South Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee .....	88 95	.....	.....	.....
Texas .....	94 00	.....	5 00	.....
Vermont .....	97 00	.....	.....	.....
Victoria (Australia) .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	20 00
Wisconsin .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$1,236 81	\$2 44	\$92 45	\$804 80

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GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.	Books.	Representative Tax.	Balance to Credit.	Total.
Alabama .....	.....	\$75 00	.....	\$150 00
Arkansas .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
California .....	\$1 00	150 00	.....	237 35
Colorado .....	24 00	75 00	.....	115 90
Connecticut .....	.....	150 00	.....	165 00
Delaware .....	.....	75 00	.....	150 00
District of Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	5 00
Georgia .....	10 00	.....	.....	10 00
Illinois .....	13 75	150 00	.....	253 75
Indiana .....	24 00	150 00	.....	246 50
Iowa .....	46 00	150 00	.....	236 00
Kansas .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Kentucky .....	24 00	.....	.....	189 00
Louisiana .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Maine .....	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
Maryland .....	10 50	150 00	.....	173 00
Massachusetts .....	38 50	150 00	.....	398 50
Michigan .....	.....	150 00	.....	380 00
Minnesota .....	20 00	75 00	.....	95 60
Mississippi .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Missouri .....	.....	150 00	.....	160 45
Nebraska .....	20 00	.....	.....	95 00
Nevada .....	.....	75 00	\$41 07	175 00
New Hampshire .....	.....	150 00	.....	255 00
New Jersey .....	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
New York .....	10 00	.....	.....	222 00
North Carolina .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Ohio .....	72 00	150 00	.....	327 00
Ontario .....	16 00	150 00	.....	201 45
Oregon .....	36 00	75 00	.....	186 87
Pennsylvania .....	24 00	150 00	.....	234 00
Rhode Island .....	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
South Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee .....	.....	75 00	.....	163 95
Texas .....	60 00	150 00	.....	309 00
Vermont .....	2 50	75 00	.....	174 50
Victoria (Australia) .....	.....	75 00	.....	75 00
Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....
West Virginia .....	.....	75 00	.....	95 00
Wisconsin .....	.....	150 00	.....	150 00
	<hr/> <b>\$452 25</b>	<hr/> <b>\$3,825 00</b>	<hr/> <b>\$41 07</b>	<hr/> <b>\$6,454 82</b>

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SUBORDINATE LODGES.	Balance Sep 1, 1876.	Postage & freight.	Charters	Odes.	Cards.	Diplomas	Books.	Dues.	Total.
Excelsior, No. 5, Montana.....							\$3 00		\$3 00
Caribou, No. 22, Colorado.....							2 00		2 00
Friendship, No. 10, Virginia.....							3 00		3 00
Schiller, No. 30, South Carolina.....							50		50
Rocky Ford, No. 647, Ohio.....									50
Mountain, No. 14, California.....									50
Arizona, No. 1, Arizona.....									50
Caldo, No. 1, Indian Territory.....									50
Tishomingo, No. 2, Indian Territory.....									50
McAlister, No. 3, Indian Territory.....									50
Manitoba, No. 1, Prov. of Manitoba.....									50
North Star, No. 2, Prov. of Manitoba.....									50
Paradise, No. 2, New Mexico.....									50
Lima, No. 1, Peru, S. America.....									50
Callao No. 2 Peru, S. America.....									50
Fortschrift, No. 3, Peru, S. America.....									50
Chalaco, No. 4, Peru, S. America.....									50
Mount Royal, No. 1, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
St. Lawrence, No. 2, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Mizpah, No. 3, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Duke of Edinburgh, No. 4, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Albert, No. 5, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Beaver, No. 6, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Pioneer, No. 7, Prov. of Quebec.....									50
Excelsior, No. 1, Sandwich Islands.....									50
Harmony, No. 3, Sandwich Islands.....									50
New Castle, No. 8, Washington Territory.....									50
Mount Baker, No. 9, Washington Territory.....									50
Patit, No. 10, Washington Territory.....									50
	\$6 62	\$7 62	\$108 00	\$16 02	\$62 20	\$22 50	\$96 00	\$899 21	\$1,218 17

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RECEIPTS of the Grand Secretary for the Fiscal Year from September 1, 1876, to August 31, 1877.

INDIVIDUALS.	Bal. 1, 1876.	Diplomas	Books.	Per diem returned.	Bonds and Interest.	Total.
N. Hurwitz, of Peru, S. A.....	\$1 00					\$1 00
D. N. Flitner, of S. Islands.....	50					50
M. C. Lilley & Co., of Ohio.....		\$30 00				50 00
James M. Miller, of Pennsylvania.....			\$20 00			3 00
Thomas J. Trevarton, of Colorado.....			3 00			29 00
George J. Hagar, of New Jersey.....			29 00			1 00
John F. Brendel, of Illinois.....			1 00			3 50
James B. Nicholson, of Pennsylvania.....			3 50			43 80
E. T. Peel, of California .....			1 80			1 00
Amos Moore, of Ohio.....			1 00			3 26
Philip Pond, of Connecticut.....			3 26			35
William C. Burt, of Pennsylvania.....			3 26			3 00
L. M. Irwin, of Idaho.....			3 00			3 00
J. H. Myers, of Connecticut.....			3 00			50
William J. Hatton, of Michigan.....			50			25
J. C. White, of Ontario.....			25			25
W. F. Norcross, of California.....			4 50			4 50
J. Vansant, Trustee of W. M. Fund, Interest on Bonds.....			1 00			1 00
J. Vansant, G. Treasurer, Bonds sold.....					\$127 19	127 19
J. Vansant, G. Treasurer, Interest and Premium on Bonds.....					6,500 00	6,500 00
					1,815 80	1,815 80
	\$1 50	\$34 50	\$70 66	\$42 00	\$8,442 99	\$8,591 65

RECEIPTS OF THE GRAND SECRETARY *for the Fiscal Year from September 1, 1876, to August 31, 1877.*

## RECAPITULATED.

Grand Lodges.....	\$26,948	54
Grand Encampments.....	6,454	82
Subordinate Lodges.....	1,218	17
Subordinate Encampments .....	668	43
Individuals.....	8,591	65
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Amount paid to Grand Treasurer.....	\$43,881	61

## DEDUCT.

Interest on Bonds of Wildey Monument Fund.....	127	19
	\$43,754	42

Interest on Bonds of G. L. of U. S.....	\$1,815	80
Government Bonds, sold.....	6,500	00
Seven days' per diem returned.....	42	00

Ordinary Revenue.....	\$35,396	62
Amount to debit of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, and payable at or before the session.....	2,602	54

Total.....	\$37,999	16
Amount reported as above for the year ending August 31st, 1876, Journal, page 6814.....	44,440	59
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Less for year ending August 31st, 1877..... \$6,441 43

It will be noticed that there is a great falling off in the revenue, and this result may justly be ascribed to the financial condition of the country, and also to the fact that the law of the last session, prohibiting the Grand Secretary from forwarding supplies unless the cash accompanied the order, has operated to retard the purchasing of any more books, cards, etc., than were absolutely required by the several jurisdictions. This is evident from the fact that during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1876, 420 orders were received, while for the year ending August 31, 1877, only 338 orders came to hand, and generally they were for much smaller quantities than in the preceding year. I submit a statement of the amount received for cards, odes and diplomas for the years 1872, 1873, 1874, 1875, 1876 and 1877; the items for books being omitted, as the exchanges of the new for the old rituals prevents a just comparison from being made. It is sufficient to say that the demand during the last year for rituals, etc., has not been equal to the requirements of several preceding years.

	CARDS.	ODES.	DIPLOMAS.	REVENUE.
1872,	65,685	24,819	1,376	\$13,702 37
1873,	71,329	32,825	2,165	10,761 60
1874,	71,135	37,893	1,746	12,117 42
1875,	76,603	37,715	2,347	14,483 48
1876,	64,172	32,898	1,543	15,316 51
1877,	50,354	34,701	581	12,094 25

As appears by the balance sheet, the amount to credit of "representative tax and dues" is \$12,332.11, while by the tables herewith the Grand Lodge has received \$10,717.62, leaving \$1,614.49 due, viz: from Grand Bodies, \$1,500.00; Subordinates, \$114.49.

The expenses, as charged to profit and loss account, are as follows:

Fifty-second Annual Session, for mileage and per diem, postage, freight, books, Journals and Reports.....	\$30,244 35
Office expenses, for salaries, postage, freight, boxes, rent and in- cidentals .....	7,570 45

Total.....	\$37,814 80
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Against which there is a credit for

Representative tax and dues.....	\$12,332 11
Profit on supplies.....	14,811 74
Charter fees.....	174 00
Premium on bonds sold, and interest.....	1,815 80 \$29,133 65

Showing a loss on the business of the year of.....	\$8,681 15
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#### DEATHS.

I regret to note that, during the recess, Death has removed from our midst P. G. Chaplain ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON, who was also a P. G. Representative at an early day from the jurisdiction of Maryland. Bro. WILLIAMSON has borne so distinguished and prominent a career in Odd Fellowship during the second decade and since, as our records abundantly testify, that it will be safe to say of him, that but few, if any, of his contemporaries surpassed him in active zeal and usefulness in the Order, or in sound judgment and ripe experience in the business of Odd Fellowship. Besides his approved official character of Grand Chaplain, which position he long held in this Grand Lodge, he rendered it the most valuable service as a Grand Representative, long contributing to its counsels and legislation the benefit of his enlarged knowledge and experience. He was the acknowledged author of the present Golden Rule Decree, adopted in 1845; was one of the Special Commissioners sent by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Annual Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity, England, in 1842, and may properly be revered as one of the Fathers of the Order as it now exists.

The death of SAMUEL J. OSGOOD, P. G. M. of New Hampshire, has been communicated to us during the year. Of this worthy brother, we are enabled only to say that he appeared for the first time as a Grand Representative from New Hampshire, at the last session, and endeared himself to the Grand Lodge by his amiable and gentle manners, by his sound intellect and thorough business habits.

The death of Bro. WILLIAM ELLISON, Past Grand Sire of the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, was announced to this office in the following words:

BOSTON PUBLIC LIBRARY,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.:

August 24, 1877.

DEAR SIR:—WILLIAM ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, died at his residence, Boston Highlands, of cancer in the stomach, yesterday, and will be buried Sunday.

Respectfully yours,

WILLIAM E. FORD.

As the principal services in our Order of this distinguished Odd Fellow were on its national theatre, Bro. ELLISON was universally known and respected by his brethren everywhere. He was an able, zealous and continuous laborer in the Order, and his withdrawal by death from active service in our great cause, will be felt and deplored as a general calamity. So valuable, varied and effective have been his labors, that it will require time, talent and diligent research to collect and properly present a true sketch of his career as an Odd Fellow. He made his first appearance on this floor as a Representative from the Grand

Encampment of Massachusetts in 1846; he represented the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts in 1869, and was present at the celebrated session of that year in San Francisco. He was appointed, by Grand Sire DE SAUSSURE, special commissioner to the jurisdiction of the Lower Provinces in 1855, of which service he acquitted himself with marked ability, as will appear by his official report at the session of 1855. He was elected Grand Sire in 1854, installed in 1855, and his administration was entirely successful, although his activity was somewhat checked by a long-continued illness. He was present at the sessions at Atlanta, Indianapolis and Philadelphia, at the last named of which he took an active part. In the interesting ceremonies at the re-union of P. G. Representatives, he delivered an address on the history of Odd Fellowship, with which he had made himself perfectly familiar. At the Centennial celebration, he pronounced the address as Representative of the East, which was regarded as a paper of high merit. He was Historiographer for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts. His researches in that rich field had been concluded, embodied, and about to be filed with the National Historiographer, at the time of his death. Bro. ELLISON's name and fame in our Order will be long cherished as one among its ablest exponents and most eloquent advocates.

#### MISCELLANEOUS.

While my report was in the hands of the printer I received the following:  
**MONTANA**—Bro. JOSEPH A. HYDE, Grand Secretary, under date of August 13, writes:

"Since my last letter a report has been received from our Rebekah Lodge, but it is in a very unsatisfactory condition, and would be of no value to you whatever in furnishing statistics, so I do not send it. It is my opinion that this branch of our Order will not succeed until placed under the entire control of subordinate Lodges.

"Reports have not been received from all the subordinate Lodges in this jurisdiction for the term just ended, the delay being caused by the Indian war, but the returns, so far as received, indicate a small increase."

**MISSOURI**—Communications from Anchor Lodge, No. 322, on the subject of life insurance are, by request of that Lodge, herewith submitted.

**GERMANY**—I am under obligations to our highly esteemed brother, HUGO WÖLHEIM, Past Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, for the following translations of letters from Bro. F. MEYENDORF, R. W. Grand Secretary, dated July 30, 1877. The importance of the matters referred to appears to require that the letters should be presented in full, as a mere abstract would fail to do justice to the questions at issue:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,  
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE,  
Berlin, July 30, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

R. W. Grand Secretary G. L. of U S., Baltimore, Md.

MUCH RESPECTED SIR AND BROTHER:—I am in receipt of your favor of April 12, and I regret that I have not before now been in a position to transmit to you the statements asked for. Our terms not running, as yours, from January to December, it became necessary to solicit the required items from the respective Grand and subordinate Bodies, and that such a proceeding meets with obstacles and consumes much time your own experience will bear me out in asserting.

From some subordinates, for instance, I have even to this day not succeeded in eliciting a statement as to the number of weeks for which benefits were paid. But in order not to delay my reply to your letter any longer, I waive that item and here inclose the blank report, which you sent to me, properly filled up.

As regards the state of the Order in Germany on July 1, 1877, I take the liberty to refer you to the forthcoming reports of the M. W. G. Sire and the G. Secretary to the next session of the R. W. G. L. G. E., whereof I shall send you a number of copies as soon as completed. If, from these, the whole number of Lodges show a decrease of one, and the total of members an increase of only thirty against the last report, this result is justly attributable to the extraordinary bad state of our industrial relations. In point of quality, though, the G. Sire's report notes an improvement of our membership. In proportion with the decrease of members in some, and especially in the largest districts, is a falling off in the receipts of nearly all the Grand Bodies, as against those of the preceding year. The receipts of the G. L. G. E. also show a decrease. Some of the District Grand Lodges have not even received from their subordinates enough to cover their dues to the G. L. G. E. All this imposes upon the G. L. G. E. the necessity of adopting at its next session effective measures, with a view to the improvement of its financial condition and resources.

In this connection my report will touch upon a subject deserving general attention, and which, my honored brother, I would recommend to *your* consideration also. It is the publishing of the books, &c., &c.

When the R. W. G. L. U. S., with commendable liberality, conceded to the R. W. G. L. G. E. the same privileges, with a few exceptions, which it possessed itself, there was amongst other conditions one reserving to the R. W. G. L. U. S. the publishing and issuing of all the books and documents, which consequently we had to order from there.

Apart from the delays occasioned by such a course of procedure, the expense incurred by both parties for transportation, &c., is quite enormous, consuming, as it does, a large percentage of the receipts from that source. Add to this the profit which would accrue to the G. L. G. E. from the publishing and issuing on its own account and you will concede it to be capable of materially improving its financial condition. My proposition, therefore, will be to petition the R. W. G. L. U. S. to grant us the privilege of printing and publishing the whole of our own supplies.

Considering the spirit of liberality and brotherly accommodation evinced at all times by the R. W. G. L. U. S. towards the German jurisdiction, I confidently expect that our wishes will be fulfilled, the more so, since there need be no apprehension of any deviations, it being perfectly understood that the text and form of all the printed matter are to be strictly adhered to, and can only be altered with the consent of the R. W. G. L. U. S.

To you, my esteemed colleague and brother, I would especially address myself with the request, to use your powerful influence with the members of the R. W. G. L. U. S., in order to secure for our petition a favorable hearing, in view of the difficult financial status of the German jurisdiction. Such action, be assured, would add considerably to the debt of gratitude which our beloved Order owes you.

Since, however, it might hardly be possible for me to get the official action of the R. W. G. L. G. E. in due time before the R. W. G. L. U. S. during its next session, I would herewith request you, under instructions from Bro. L. ELSASSE, M. W. Grand Sire, to eventually use these presents for bringing the subject to the attention of your Grand Lodge, at the proper time during the session. The G. L. G. E. convenes this year at Mannheim, beginning August 13.

Of the result of my endeavors, I would thank you to inform me as early as possible.

Trusting that this matter will be disposed of to our mutual satisfaction, and in the hope that your personal welfare has in no wise been nor is now in jeopardy through the late disturbances in the United States, I remain, with sincere regards and fraternal affection,

Yours in F., L. and T.,

F. MEYENDORF,  
*Grand Secretary.*

I. O. O. F.  
 OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY,  
 R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE,  
 BERLIN, July 30, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,

*R. W. Grand Secretary of the G. L. of U. S.*

ESTEEMED SIR AND BROTHER:—Referring to my respects of this day I transmit herewith copy of that section of the Penal Code of the German Empire upon which our police authorities of Berlin base their action, and which would eventually apply to all Noble Grands of the Berlin Lodges. The matter must be finally disposed of in the coming session of the R. W. G. L. G. E., and I hope to God he may show us that course which tends towards the weal of all concerned.

With fraternal regards, your devoted

F. MEYENDORF,  
*Grand Secretary.*

[*Copy.*]

SECTION 29—TRESPASSES.

§ 360. With fine (not exceeding 150 marks,) or imprisonment.

ART. IX. Whosoever, contrary to law, and without the consent of the government, establishes endowment, funeral, or widows' and orphans' funds, or insurance, or other similar societies or institutions, stipulating in consideration of the receipt of entrance fees or of dues, the payment of any capital or annuity.

F. MEYENDORF,  
*Grand Secretary, G. L. G. E.*

[Certified.]

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,  
 R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,  
 BALTIMORE, August 24, 1877.

F. MEYENDORF,

*R. W. G. Secretary G. L. of German Empire.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—Yours of July 30 is received with the accompanying papers. The explanation made for the unavoidable delay, is satisfactory. I am quite obliged to you for the promise of copies of the Grand Officers' reports for the current year, when printed. The subject which you present and advocate, viz: the printing of your own supplies, I regret to say, I cannot promise you to support, for the reason that I gave it my favor in 1869, and it failed to receive sufficient votes to pass. I will, however, present it to the Grand Lodge at the next session, and leave it to a new examination. I prefer to furnish the supplies at cost, which I will recommend in my report. I think you are mistaken in your views on this subject. The demand for supplies in the German jurisdiction, in my judgment, would never indemnify it for printing them, and it would prove to be a losing business. Nevertheless, I think the Grand Lodge of the United States can well afford to furnish them to its foreign jurisdictions at cost, and I am sure that it will cordially do everything in its power to economize and husband the resources of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

I shall take pleasure in submitting your letter to the Grand Lodge of the United States, which I am assured continues to feel the warmest interest in your prosperity.

With my best wishes for the success of your jurisdiction, and for your individual health and happiness, I am fraternally your brother,

JAMES L. RIDGELY, C. S.

CHILE—On the 7th of September, the following interesting letter from the new Grand Secretary reached this office:

I. O. O. F.,  
OFFICE OF GRAND SECRETARY R. W. GRAND LODGE OF CHILE,  
VALPARAISO, July 31, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, Baltimore, Md.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—It is a source of sincere gratification to me that in this my first official communication with your office, it is permitted to me to acknowledge the safe arrival of the charge books and odes in Spanish. This is indeed a thrice-welcome remittance, and one from which may be expected grand results.

The case arrived here on the 21st instant (a week ahead of your esteemed favor of June 14, covering bill of lading and invoice), but owing to unfavorable weather it was not landed until the 26th. Three sets were given out at once, and I am awaiting a favorable opportunity to send another set north. I have not yet had sufficient time at my disposal to do more than give a cursory glance at the translation, but as you have had the benefit of such an accomplished Spanish scholar and excellent proof reader as Bro. LOGAN, I feel confident that the errors, if there be any, will be few and far between.

You will be glad, I am sure, to learn that we have just received an addition to the number of our subordinates. On Tuesday, the 24th instant, in spite of a severe storm of rain, Chile Lodge, No. 9, to work in Spanish, was instituted, and the officers were installed in ample form. This new Lodge is an off-shoot of Andes, No. 7, and it starts life amid auspicious surroundings. Both No. 7 and No. 9 have an almost unlimited field before them.

I am daily expecting to receive an application for a dispensation to open a Lodge, to work in Spanish, in the city of Serena, the capital of the Province of Coquimbo. This will form the tenth in the series of subordinates.

Classified according to language, there are now at work in this jurisdiction three Lodges in English, two in German, one in French, and three in Spanish.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Chile concluded its Annual Session, on the 21st instant. As the Journal of Proceedings will not be out for some weeks to come, I will give you here a synopsis of the most important items of the business transacted. The following are the Grand Elective Officers for the present term:

Bro. HENRY VON DESSAUER, M. W. Grand Master.

" CHARLES EHLERS, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

" CHARLES L. ROWSELL, R. W. Grand Warden.

" WILLIAM J. COX, R. W. Grand Secretary.

" CHARLES SCHROEDER, R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The place of residence of all the officers is Valparaiso, and the address of the Grand Secretary will be as heretofore, "Casilla, No. 252, Valparaiso."

The following extracts from the Grand Secretary's report will, I have no doubt, be found interesting:—Membership, July 1, 1876, 358; initiated during the year, 114; admitted by card, 16; reinstated, 2; total, 490.

From which deduct:—Expelled, 1; withdrawn by card, 33; suspended, 34; deceased, 5; total, 73.

Membership, July 1, 1877, 417; showing an increase during the year of 59 members.

Relief:—Amount paid for burial, \$186.50; amount paid for relief of members, \$555.00; amount paid for widowed families, \$125.00; amount paid for interest, W. and O. Fund, \$996.38; total, \$1,162.88; amount of annual receipts, \$11,463.06.

A vote of thanks was accorded to our distinguished and well beloved brother, C. A. LOGAN, P. G. S., whom, we all regret, we shall not have the pleasure of seeing here again as E. E. and M. P. to Chile.

A vote of thanks was also accorded to the retiring Grand Master, Bro. GEORGE S. BROWN; and a resolution was also passed requesting him to sit for his portrait.

A vote of thanks was also given to Bro. A. T. WALLACE, the zealous and energetic D. D. G. M., for the Province of Coquimbo.

A public installation of the officers of Coquimbo Lodge, No. 6, took place on the 17th instant, and the D. D. G. M., in his report of the same, says: "A large number of visitors attended, and every seat that could be conveniently placed in the Lodge room was occupied." \* \* \* All who took part in the ceremony "had their several parts committed to memory, including myself, and no book was used." \* \* \* "The evening's proceedings were, as far as I can judge and learn, a complete success, all the visitors retiring highly pleased with our work." Discourses were delivered in Spanish and English.

I beg to hand you enclosed a document signed by the M. W. Grand Master, for presentation to the R. W. G. L. U. S., at its approaching session in September.

I see by your account, to hand in your favor of June 14, that there is now a small balance against this Grand Lodge. I will remit you this by an early steamer, together with a small order for supplies.

In addition to the severe commercial crisis which has weighed upon this country like an incubus for a long time past, we are now passing through an exceptionally severe winter, and serious losses of life and property have resulted from the heavy rains. These adverse circumstances militate, very naturally, against the progress of our Order in Chile, but neither they nor any others from without (and, thank God, we have none to fear from within) can arrest its onward march, and now with the additional element of strength it possesses in the ritual in the Spanish language, I, for my part, have no hesitancy in affirming that greater and grander triumphs will be vouchsafed to it in the near future than any it has achieved in the past.

And now, with sentiments of profound esteem for you personally, and with best wishes for your health and prosperity,

I remain, dear sir and brother, yours truly and fraternally

WILLIAM J. COX,

*Grand Secretary.*

#### GENERAL RETURNS.

	Year 1875.	Year 1876.	Increase.	Decrease.
Grand Lodges.....	48	48	.....	.....
Subordinate Lodges.....	6,395	6,678	283	.....
Rebekah Degree Lodges.....	879	770	.....	109
Grand Encampments.....	39	39	.....	.....
Subordinate Encampments..	1,756	1,806	50	.....
Lodge initiations.....	50,013	40,646	.....	9,397
Lodge members.....	454,689	456,125	1,436	.....
Encampment members.....	87,450	87,785	335	.....
Relief by Lodges.....	\$1,510,854 21	\$1,507,649 12	.....	\$3,205 09
Relief by Encampments.....	180,969 43	177,151 45	.....	3,817 98
Relief by Rebekah Lodges...	7,045 28	4,685 05	.....	2,360 23
Total relief.....	1,698,868 92	1,689,485 62	.....	9,383 30
Revenue of Lodges .....	4,193,665 45	4,008,984 69	.....	184,680 76
Revenue of Encampments...	488,421 55	453,034 72	.....	35,386 83
Revenue of Rebekah Lodges	32,154 70	27,853 05	.....	4,301 65
Total revenue.....	4,714,241 70	4,489,872 46	.....	224,369 24

I continue the statement presented last year on page 6817, Journal, to the close of the year 1876, as follows:

FROM 1830 TO DECEMBER 31, 1876.

Initiations.....	1,022,800
Members relieved.....	773,191
Widowed families relieved.....	102,754
Members deceased.....	69,867
Total relief.....	\$23,982,887 62
Total receipts.....	\$64,633,783 90
Present membership.....	461,888

## CONCLUSION.

In concluding this review of the work of Odd Fellowship under the Grand Lodge of the United States and the jurisdictions thereunto belonging, our hearts are gladdened and made happy in the contemplation of the scene which rises before us. We behold the Order, which our fathers founded less than sixty years ago, in that spirit of beneficence which ennobles the age, and for the elevation of human character, now recognized as one of the potential forces of society. In no age of the world have greater efforts combined to befriend man. Offices of philanthropy and of general charity in earlier periods were administered by the church or its auxiliaries in some form. This vast service no longer confines itself to this narrow sphere. Mankind, irrespective of country, creed or religious sentiment, now reckon such duties to be instinctive, and amongst the highest obligations of life, not less binding upon the secular arm than upon church and state. To provide for the poor, for the sick, for the ignorant of every class, for the widow, for the orphan, for the really helpless and destitute, is no longer exclusively the command of religion, but is in all enlightened communities recognized as a high obligation of the state, which challenges the general approval. On this broad field of benefaction, policy harmonizes with humanity and religion, the abundant fruit of which is seen in all well ordered society. In fact, the common sentiment prevails wherever civilization extends. Nobly has our age and people met this humanity and illustrated the generous spirit which it has generally awakened. Thousands and tens of thousands emulate each other in works of brotherly love, in every form of charity and by every form of individual or combined instrumentality for the relief of human suffering. The church, the state and the secular arm, however otherwise divided, move in harmony in this cause. Their counsels may differ, but the course pursued leads to the same great end. Each acting from a common heart strengthens the arm of the other, and adds greatly to the general purpose, by the accord of spirit which prevails and unites the whole. Odd Fellowship is an outgrowth of this spirit and the prevailing sentiment of the times. It has been pursuing its mission in its own quiet way for half a century and more, and has enlisted the co-operation of millions of men and of treasure in the great cause, the details of which form its records, which it is our pride to present to you from year to year. No greater moral wealth enriches society than the high standard of character which Odd Fellowship inculcates, inspires and exacts. The truth of which is patent wherever an Odd Fellows' Lodge exists. Out of individual character chiefly is the standard of citizenship evoked, which is at once the ornament of the body politic and of all reformed and refined civil organizations. Character has more to do with healthy human progress than any other of the many elements of civilization. It may be assumed as the broad basis upon which society rests, to constitute the nucleus of public virtue and its real support in every trial. Christianity itself and all religions advance more under its auspices than under all other aids, because it forms its solid foundation and sure defence. Character, in fact, is the gem of life, it ennobles man and lifts the human to the Divine image. Judging it and any system of religion by the extent of nobility of soul which they inspire, or the moral elevation which they awaken, it invokes the highest admiration of all candid men. In this aspect, Odd Fellowship stands forth as the champion, advocate and auxiliary of the best interests of

the Church, the State and the People, because it demands and inspires character as the highest adornment of life and the strongest support of the social fabric.

In its ordinary aspect as a vast benefaction, its statistics and volume of detail here presented need no comment. We present its principles, aspirations and labors confidently as a great moral force, and appeal to their fruits, as verified by our record. Among the many beneficent influences at work in every sphere of life, the moral power which educates, trains and moulds man, and by which society is elevated and refined, is probably the most potential. This is our mystic force, the secret power of Odd Fellowship. This is the lever which lifts the masses from degradation and low estate, which conquers "vice in all its forms," and moves like an army with banners responsive to the Divine intendment of human brotherhood. In an age essentially utilitarian, such has been its record. The homogeneity which it engenders, the sympathy of natures which it awakens among men, the community of public and private interests which it recognizes, the reciprocal duties and obligations which it imposes, all recall erratic man from the tumultuous conflicts of life, and inspire in him the spirit of brotherhood.

If it has seemed of late years not to progress with its former impetuous vigor, scattering its seed broadcast upon the moral furrow, and has appeared to have been checked by the eventful times in which we live, and by which the industries and business pursuits of the world have been oppressed, it has not been because its principles or labors have been relaxed, or because its normal capacity for beneficence is less effective, or has been administered with less zeal, but because the condition of the masses among which it chiefly acts, and by whom it is mainly upheld in the battle of life, has been for several years and is yet overwhelmed with pecuniary trials and diminished rewards for labor. Men have not had the means, the employment or the ability to prosper and advance its progress as actively as in former years. Besides, our great country has experienced extraordinary trials. It has but recently emerged from a fearful civil strife, which left one-half of it desolate, wasted and impoverished beyond our appreciation, with all the ordinary rewards of labor, commerce and industry stagnant, with a general paralysis of business throughout the world. Superadded to all of which, vast armies confront each other in Europe in sanguinary conflict, involving the peace of the world. Amidst all this combined evil, the wonder is, that in such inauspicious times, not that our numbers and finances do not keep pace with our former unexampled prosperity, but that Odd Fellowship holds its own and really survives such a fearful ordeal—that it still shows signs of vigorous life, and commands its accustomed annual aggregates in its various spheres of action. These facts this report abundantly sustains. We have not only met all the demands of the sick and the needy in our seven thousand Lodges and our two thousand Encampments, but have contributed to such other objects of general benevolence as our means would allow. The condition of the Order is a just subject of congratulation to its friends. There is nothing to excite its fears or to create anxiety for its future. On the contrary, its career is auspicious in the highest degree. Ranking among the strongest organizations of the kind in the world, it maintains its prestige triumphantly, and, beyond a satisfactory examination of its system of "Dues and Benefits" and their proper reconstruction, needs no organic legislation. This, although a pressing and vital subject, with a view to its permanent existence, is rather a question of calm and considerate reform than of controversy, addressing itself to the practical sense and wisdom of its rulers, involving as it does the life and death of Odd Fellowship, which is inseparably blended with sound finances and a stable system of "dues and benefits."

Respectfully submitted,

JAS. L. RIDGELY,  
*Cor. and Rec. Sec'y.*

Office Cor. and Rec. Sec'y, Baltimore, September, 1877.

STATEMENT OF SUPPLIES on hand August 31, 1876, received and disposed of during the year, and on hand August 31, 1877.

\* 52 to members of Grand Lodge. † 433 to members of Grand Lodge; 8 presented.  
‡ 7 to members of Grand Lodge; 513 used in Digests. ‡ 52 to members of Grand Lodge.

BALANCES, *September 1, 1877.*

Page		DR.	CR.
1	Stock.....		\$58,635 65
8	Bills Receivable.....	\$75 00	
11	J. Vansant, Grand Treasurer.....	13,474 91	
14	United States Bonds.....	17,500 00	
16	Grand Lodge Charge Books.....	45 24	
18	Grand Encampment Books.....	34 72	
20	Encampment Institution and Installat'n Books.	25 76	
25	Encampment Charge Books.....	197 10	
33	Subordinate L'dge Instit'n and Install'n Books.	106 08	
38	Subordinate Lodge Public Installation Books...	33 48	
45	Initiatory Charge Books.....	177 75	
55	Degree Charge Books.....	226 98	
62	Degree Lodge Installation Books.....	33 17	
67	Degree of Rebekah Charge Books.....	131 25	
75	Degree of Rebekah Instit'n and Install'n Books.	164 25	
79	Lodge and Encampment Odes.....	388 70	
89	Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	251 06	
99	Rebekah Visiting and Withdrawal Cards.....	36 66	
103	Dismissal Certificates.....	68 22	
106	Rebekah Certificates.....	47 76	
109	Diplomas.....	109 26	
115	Form Books.....	58 58	
118	Funeral Service.....	156 40	
120	Anniversary Ceremony.....	168 12	
123	Bound Journals.....	3,816 00	
131	Digests.....	263 25	
141	Supplemental Digests.....	628 11	
142	Electrotype Plates.....	4,572 10	
146	Steel and Copper Plates.....	1,950 00	
148	Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,912 51	
154	Library .....	670 21	
160	J. Vansant, Trustee, Wildey Monument Fund..	718 48	
161	Wildey Monument Fund.....		2,718 48
186	Grand Lodge Building.....	3,265 04	
188	History of the Order.....	1,504 50	
200-7	District Deputy Grand Sires.....	50 00	
204	James H. Emslie.....	10 00	
206	William H. Barnes.....	19 62	
208	John W. Stokes.....	24 50	
211	Charles Betz.....	43 00	
216	Humanitas Lodge, No. 4, Dresden, Germany...	3 00	
226	Grand Lodge of Australia.....	108 00	
232	Grand Lodge of British Columbia.....	76 27	
239	Grand Lodge of Chile.....	38 73	
256	Grand Lodge of District of Columbia.....	150 00	
258	Grand Encampment of District of Columbia....	75 00	
260	Grand Lodge of Florida.....	77 48	
266	Grand Encampment of Georgia.....	75 00	
268	Grand Lodge of the German Empire.....	6 36	
292	Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	150 00	
294	Grand Encampment of Kentucky.....	150 00	
296	Grand Ledge of Louisiana.....		2 24
298	Grand Encampment of Louisiana.....		4 65

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Page.		DR.	CR.
340	Grand Lodge of Nebraska.....	\$150 00	
342	Grand Encampment of Nebraska.....	75 00	
354	Grand Encampment of New York.....	150 00	
358	Grand Encampment of Nevada.....		\$41 07
400	Grand Lodge of South Carolina.....	95 00	
402	Grand Encampment of South Carolina.....	243 00	
404	Grand Lodge of Switzerland.....	114 00	
423	Grand Encampment of Victoria.....	15 00	
430	Grand Lodge of Wyoming.....	213 24	
433	Grand Lodge of West Virginia.....	150	
449	Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, London, England.	108 25	
457	Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, Netherlands..	10 00	
462	Paradise Lodge, No. 2, Santa Fe, New Mexico....		60
465	Lima Lodge, No. 1, Lima, Peru, S. A.....	71 02	
466	Callao Lodge, No. 2, Callao, Peru, S. A.....	64 41	
467	Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, Lima, Peru, S. A.....	80	
468	Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, Callao, Peru, S. A.....	18 41	
507	Harmony Encampment, No. 2, New Westminster, British Columbia.....	4 26	
512	Anglo American Encampment, No. 1, London, England.....	44 50	
525	Milicete Encampment, No. 11, St. John, New Brunswick.....	15 00	
546	Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, Lima, Peru, S. A.		10 50
558	Unity Encampment, No. 2, Seattle, Washington Territory.....	3 69	
		\$61,413 19	\$61,413 19

**BALANCE SHEET R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.**

ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand Lodges* to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United  
Lodges organized between September 1,

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Members, Dec. 31, 1875.	Error in last report.	ADD.			Total.
				Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinst'd.	
Alabama.....	38	1,118	.....	126	33	60	1,337
Arkansas.....	56	1,465	.....	194	81	40	1,780
British Columbia...	5	459	.....	52	2	4	517
California.....	238	19,342	.....	1,871	594	81	21,988
Chile.....	8	320	.....	127	19	1	467
Colorado.....	27	1,069	2	199	105	10	1,385
Connecticut.....	49	5,574	.....	621	66	33	6,294
Dakota.....	11	252	.....	78	34	6	370
Delaware.....	33	2,644	.....	121	11	23	2,799
District Columbia...	13	2,056	.....	71	12	16	2,155
Florida.....	10	284	.....	54	24	4	366
Georgia.....	48	2,106	.....	232	54	34	2,426
Illinois.....	560	26,686	.....	3,169	898	594	31,347
Indiana.....	515	26,732	.....	2,293	851	289	30,165
Iowa.....	324	16,328	.....	2,188	661	161	19,338
Kansas.....	130	4,664	.....	621	323	79	5,687
Kentucky.....	216	10,424	.....	521	169	71	11,185
Louisiana.....	25	1,026	.....	169	36	20	1,251
Low. Prov. B. N. A.	23	1,513	.....	392	34	5	1,944
Maine.....	54	6,721	.....	1,060	103	42	7,926
Maryland.....	105	12,662	.....	380	51	55	13,148
Massachusetts.....	134	20,972	.....	1,703	175	56	22,906
Michigan.....	262	12,935	.....	1,856	352	345	15,488
Minnesota.....	50	2,401	.....	455	145	41	3,042
Mississippi.....	46	1,764	.....	109	60	55	1,988
Missouri.....	315	12,302	.....	1,373	425	412	14,512
Montana.....	8	210	.....	55	30	5	300
Nebraska.....	62	2,196	.....	314	148	61	2,719
Nevada.....	27	2,028	.....	159	96	30	2,313
New Hampshire....	49	6,184	.....	648	95	52	6,979
New Jersey.....	168	15,428	.....	829	62	121	16,440
New York.....	454	39,943	.....	3,725	530	291	44,489
North Carolina....	58	1,762	.....	215	59	87	2,123
Ohio.....	622	45,393	.....	2,845	1,063	340	49,641
Ontario.....	164	10,633	.....	2,038	273	161	13,105
Oregon.....	72	2,803	.....	271	101	33	3,208
Pennsylvania.....	894	94,892	.....	5,473	1,226	584	102,175
Rhode Island.....	40	5,413	.....	375	14	17	5,819
South Carolina....	15	807	.....	52	8	7	874
Switzerland.....	7	178	.....	66	3	.....	247
Tennessee.....	146	4,323	.....	382	127	138	4,970
Texas.....	173	5,173	.....	772	373	181	6,499
Utah.....	5	282	.....	55	8	8	353
Vermont.....	17	1,231	.....	170	12	11	1,424
Virginia.....	48	3,272	.....	253	34	49	3,608
West Virginia.....	81	4,490	.....	299	87	84	4,960
Wisconsin.....	239	13,039	.....	1,378	325	195	14,937
Wyoming.....	9	404	.....	71	17	3	495
	6,653	453,903	2	40,480	10,009	5,095	509,489

*States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876, and names of Grand  
1876, and September 1, 1877.*

JURISDICTION	DEDUCT.					Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.	No. of broth- ers relieved.
	Error in last report.	With- drawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.			
Alabama .....	28	113	4	9	154	1,183	71	
Arkansas .....	87	183	5	18	293	1,487	122	
British Columbia .....	8	14	.....	3	25	492	61	
California .....	522	995	45	225	1,787	20,201	2,302	
Chile .....	5	38	21	4	68	399	10	
Colorado .....	40	114	8	8	170	1,215	90	
Connecticut .....	74	236	8	46	364	5,930	486	
Dakota .....	17	36	.....	2	55	315	22	
Delaware .....	12	220	1	29	262	2,537	269	
District Columbia .....	30	141	.....	32	203	1,952	328	
Florida .....	4	15	24	1	4	318	19	
Georgia .....	84	247	5	47	383	2,043	130	
Illinois .....	1,174	2,998	144	219	4,535	26,812	2,517	
Indiana .....	844	2,538	137	242	3,761	26,404	3,284	
Iowa .....	617	1,070	80	95	1,862	17,476	988	
Kansas .....	253	424	14	28	719	4,968	319	
Kentucky .....	211	813	33	100	1,157	10,028	985	
Louisiana .....	28	107	2	28	165	1,086	104	
Low. Prov. B.N.A. ....	80	221	7	7	315	1,629	92	
Maine .....	76	189	11	44	320	7,606	574	
Maryland .....	77	765	11	177	1,030	12,118	2,005	
Massachusetts .....	230	769	31	191	1,221	21,685	1,494	
Michigan .....	516	1,383	46	92	2,037	13,451	487	
Minnesota .....	157	246	18	23	444	2,598	153	
Mississippi .....	64	321	6	20	411	1,577	123	
Missouri .....	503	1,136	66	116	1,821	12,691	1,272	
Montana .....	4	24	12	4	44	256	14	
Nebraska .....	109	239	15	11	374	2,345	104	
Nevada .....	80	162	9	17	268	2,045	165	
New Hampshire .....	133	143	6	55	337	6,642	546	
New Jersey .....	108	1,414	19	159	1,700	14,740	1,765	
New York .....	729	3,590	72	472	4,863	39,626	2,799	
North Carolina .....	86	218	19	16	339	1,784	160	
Ohio .....	1,222	2,851	175	412	4,660	44,981	3,666	
Ontario .....	432	836	29	70	1,367	11,738	1,040	
Oregon .....	110	182	6	19	317	2,891	306	
Pennsylvania .....	1,153	8,229	105	950	10,437	91,738	11,541	
Rhode Island .....	42	315	9	34	400	5,419	418	
South Carolina .....	19	177	5	10	211	663	36	
Switzerland .....	8	.....	1	2	11	236	16	
Tennessee .....	148	629	28	27	832	4,138	336	
Texas .....	414	1,234	40	62	1,750	4,749	466	
Utah .....	18	33	2	4	57	296	23	
Vermont .....	30	103	2	7	142	1,282	26	
Virginia .....	61	303	6	46	416	3,192	549	
West Virginia .....	81	426	6	21	534	4,426	449	
Wisconsin .....	529	783	39	99	1,450	13,487	567	
Wyoming .....	3	18	47	4	5	418	28	
	16	11,339	37,250	1,284	4,307	54,196	455,293	43,327

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United  
Lodges organized between September 1

JURISDICTION	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of wid'd families rel'vd	No. of brothers buried.	Amount paid for the relief of brothers.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.
Alabama .....	227	26	9	\$1,070 10	\$351 80	\$81 50
Arkansas.....	313	9	18	1,159 45	172 60	12 80
British Columbia	264	2	3	3,050 00	30 00	.....
California.....	11,357	208	225	101,724 92	17,714 04	1,075 66
Chile .....	28	2	4	277 00	60 00	.....
Colorado .....	433	5	8	2,735 50	191 00	.....
Connecticut.....	3,240	23	46	12,786 81	457 18	.....
Dakota .....	40	2	2	173 00	30 25	.....
Delaware .....	1,710	23	29	7,196 64	249 54	.....
District Columbia	1,855	76	32	7,420 00	2,977 22	972 92
Florida .....	29	1	4	129 00	20 00	30 00
Georgia.....	455	27	47	3,477 10	1,169 50	26 75
Illinois .....	7,852	266	219	33,609 14	5,222 66	219 65
Indiana .....	12,228	317	242	52,443 56	5,885 96	955 45
Iowa .....	3,956	83	95	13,495 60	2,606 65	3 00
Kansas.....	1,243	38	28	4,596 50	924 50	199 50
Kentucky.....	4,120	325	100	18,775 06	5,556 73	605 52
Louisiana.....	432	43	28	2,313 25	1,162 95	252 20
Low. Prov.B.N.A	398	11	7	1,170 64	177 50	.....
Maine .....	4,871	26	44	21,123 72	771 05	152 07
Maryland.....	12,636	170	177	46,281 00	20,831 57	1,615 88
Massachusetts....	8,848	517	191	37,415 93	5,944 38	164 32
Michigan .....	1,345	110	92	8,492 08	2,331 95	254 50
Minnesota .....	437	16	23	2,392 38	624 60	.....
Mississippi.....	294	17	20	1,379 20	328 05	.....
Missouri .....	4,324	310	116	18,741 50	8,402 00	4,144 00
Montana .....	58	.....	.....	604 00	.....	.....
Nebraska .....	327	10	11	1,422 10	230 00	.....
Nevada .....	915	7	17	9,744 25	432 55	25 00
New Hampshire..	2,834	22	55	12,922 93	757 54	.....
New Jersey.....	11,570	140	159	52,743 03	3,897 00	159 00
New York.....	18,467	503	472	101,515 81	17,590 77	618 62
North Carolina...	357	7	16	1,172 48	125 00	39 32
Ohio .....	23,370	438	412	84,231 03	12,217 53	380 43
Ontario.....	4,290	100	70	12,148 39	3,946 05	.....
Oregon .....	791	28	19	7,170 67	1,635 00	45 00
Pennsylvania....	65,167	1,116	950	286,006 60	14,469 88	710 27
Rhode Island....	10,371	18	34	13,942 20	353 00	.....
South Carolina...	95	7	10	448 50	142 00	28 00
Switzerland.....	81	2	2	186 00	8 13	.....
Tennessee .....	1,106	139	27	5,222 77	3,682 64	1,234 74
Texas.....	1,345	36	62	5,395 45	714 15	650 90
Utah .....	30	1	4	308 00	61 00	.....
Vermont.....	204	2	7	879 77	35 00	.....
Virginia .....	2,747	155	46	12,097 00	4,163 00	219 00
West Virginia....	1,536	53	21	8,143 58	750 15	13 70
Wisconsin .....	1,781	112	99	9,713 54	6,231 40	58 00
*Wyoming.....	.....	1	5	716 65	62 50	.....
	230,377	5,550	4,307	\$1,030,163 83	\$155,697 97	\$14,947 70

\*Report imperfect; number of weeks' benefits paid not stated.

*States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876, and names of Grand  
1876, and September 1, 1877—Continued.*

JURISDICTION	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of special relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama .....	\$429 00	.....	\$1,932 40	\$8,335 79
Arkansas.....	438 00	.....	1,782 85	11,400 31
British Columbia .....	222 00	.....	3,302 00	10,715 51
California.....	18,935 32	\$9,736 72	149,186 66	436,118 45
Chile .....	186 50	.....	523 50	11,504 37
Colorado .....	480 75	.....	3,407 25	16,862 93
Connecticut .....	3,206 05	2,523 91	18,973 95	57,402 25
Dakota .....	96 12	51 25	350 62	3,270 72
Delaware .....	2,831 41	325 65	10,603 24	26,523 18
District Columbia .....	1,309 77	112 00	12,791 91	21,869 04
Florida .....	60 00	.....	239 00	3,057 92
Georgia .....	1,401 00	.....	6,074 35	12,921 89
Illinois .....	7,704 27	3,486 76	50,242 48	219,806 52
Indiana .....	14,022 00	2,700 28	76,007 25	235,551 49
Iowa .....	3,167 17	1,181 10	20,453 52	97,244 40
Kansas .....	985 00	873 00	7,578 50	36,261 65
Kentucky.....	4,811 56	2,311 56	32,060 43	54,033 91
Louisiana.....	1,541 82	.....	5,270 22	15,742 08
Low. Prov. B.N.A.	237 28	.....	1,585 42	8,890 74
Maine .....	1,460 00	.....	23,506 84	59,225 91
Maryland .....	7,934 47	2,666 53	79,329 45	98,828 54
Massachusetts.....	8,167 40	6,282 54	57,974 57	179,078 26
Michigan .....	3,279 92	1,250 29	15,608 74	78,723 02
Minnesota.....	713 25	647 00	4,377 23	26,004 20
Mississippi .....	605 00	.....	2,312 25	10,564 91
Missouri .....	5,027 00	.....	36,314 50	89,695 00
Montana .....	.....	.....	604 00	4,958 55
Nebraska .....	420 00	170 00	2,242 10	19,870 00
Nevada .....	1,482 75	824 80	12,509 35	49,312 71
New Hampshire..	2,725 10	736 63	17,142 20	43,696 72
New Jersey.....	11,514 92	.....	68,313 95	141,206 00
New York.....	31,958 72	.....	151,683 92	333,762 15
North Carolina...	285 00	2 00	1,623 80	10,542 89
Ohio .....	13,770 77	6,143 51	116,743 27	322,134 23
Ontario .....	2,637 82	1,931 05	20,663 31	101,976 24
Oregon .....	809 36	2,113 85	11,773 88	58,142 14
Pennsylvania.....	78,079 71	.....	379,266 46	764,824 90
Rhode Island.....	2,094 00	2,328 05	18,717 25	58,456 77
South Carolina...	107 00	.....	725 50	3,254 85
Switzerland ...	28 00	80 00	302 13	1,865 45
Tennessee.....	1,431 05	320 75	11,891 95	31,451 74
Texas .....	2,306 43	.....	9,066 93	50,622 11
Utah .....	104 00	69 00	542 00	6,676 70
Vermont .....	250 00	.....	1,164 77	6,086 98
Virginia .....	4,655 00	290 00	21,424 00	32,986 00
West Virginia....	3,636 70	800 80	13,344 93	34,952 69
Wisconsin .....	4,522 72	1,646 73	22,172 39	86,867 32
*Wyoming.....	245 25	.....	1,024 40	5,564 58
	\$252,316 36	\$51,605 76	\$1,504 731 62	\$3,998,844 71

\*Report imperfect; number of weeks' benefits paid not stated.

**ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876; names and location of Lodges working under contiguous State Grand Lodges; and Lodges instituted between September 1, 1876, and September 1, 1877.**

PERU, S. A.	No. 1	Lima.....	29	8	37	7	3	10	27	2
"	2	Callao.....	34	3	35	9	1	12	25	2
"	3	Lima.....	"	5	10	1	"	1	9	2
"	4	Callao.....	"	13	5	18	"	18	21	2
QUEBEC, CANADA.										
Mount Royal.....	No. 1	Montreal.....	112	28	2	142	2	19	21	121
St. Lawrence.....	"	2 Montreal.....	43	9	1	53	3	13	16	37
Mizpah.....	"	3 Montreal.....	180	27	1	208	4	15	2	21
Duke of Edinburgh.....	"	4 Montreal.....	69	12	.....	81	7	15	1	187
Albert.....	"	5 Montreal.....	31	18	.....	49	1	1	24	57
**Beaver.....	"	6 Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	1	5
†Pioneer.....	"	7 Richmond.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2
Provincial Degree.....	"	1 Montreal.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
SANDWICH ISLANDS.										
Excelsior.....	No. 1	Honolulu.....	85	3	1	89	8	1	2	11
Harmony.....	"	3 Honolulu .....	"	9	8	17	.....	.....	.....	20
WASHINGTON.										
†Olympia.....	No. 1	Olympia.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Enterprise.....	"	2 Walla Walla.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Vancouver.....	"	3 Vancouver.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Olive Branch.....	"	4 Seattle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Touchet.....	"	5 Waitesburg .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Western.....	"	6 Olympia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Seattle.....	"	7 Seattle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
††New Castle.....	"	8 New Castle.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
‡‡Mount Baker.....	"	9 Port Townsend .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Patit.....	"	10 Dayton.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	786	166	39	2	993	57	92	2	10	161
										832
										86

\* No report received. † Reports to Grand Lodge of Oregon. ‡ Instituted April 26, 1877. § Instituted March 19, 1877. || Instituted October 30, 1876. ¶ Instituted October 31, 1876. \*\* Instituted March 6, 1877. §§ Instituted February 14, 1877. §§ Instituted February 10, 1877. §§ Instituted March 8, 1877.

**ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876; names and location of Lodges working under contiguous State Grand Lodges; and Lodges instituted between September 1, 1876, and September 1, 1877—Continued.**

LODGES.

LODGES.												
Total relief.		Amount of special relief.		Total relief.		Total relief.		Total relief.		Total relief.		
Arizona.....	GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.	No. 1	2	7	1	\$72	40	.....	.....	.....	.....	
*Thomas Wilday.....	IDAHO.	No. 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
+Pioneer .....	Owyhee.....	No. 1	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Ada.....	Ada.....	" 2	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
+Excelsior .....	Rocky Mountain.....	" 3	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
+Covenant.....	Covenant.....	" 5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
INDIAN TERRITORY.												
Caddo.....	No. 1	1	3	1	9	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Tishomingo .....	" 2	1	4	12	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
+McAlister .....	" 3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
MANITOBA, CANADA.												
Manitoba .....	No. 1	2	16	1	2	138	25	\$10	00	.....	.....	
North Star.....	" 2	3	11	.....	39	00	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
NETHERLANDS, EUROPE.												
+Paradise.....	No. 1	3	1	1	21	00	160	00	\$78	65	153	80
Paradise.....	No. 2	1	3	1	21	00	160	00	.....	.....	413	45

PERU, S. A.	No. 1	2	6	58 40	58 40	984 00
Lima.....	" 2	..	..	..	..	763 25
Callao.....	" 3	..	..	..	..	240 80
‡Fortschritt.....	" 4	..	..	..	..	647 62
‡Chalaco.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
QUEBEC, CANADA.	No. 1	14	57	1	350 88	41 87
Mount Royal.....	" 2	..	..	..	..	392 75
St. Lawrence.....	" 3	7	32	2	184 64	21 50
Mizpah.....	" 4	1	2	1	10 00	84 64
Duke of Edinburgh.....	" 5	1	3	1	15 00	51 25
Albert.....	" 6	..	..	..	..	15 00
†Beaver.....	" 7	..	..	..	..	373 20
Pioneer.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
SANDWICH ISLANDS.	No. 1	4	60	5	585 00	549 30
Excelsior.....	" 3	..	..	2	..	120 00
‡Harmony.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
WASHINGTON.	No. 1	..	..	..	..	..
†Olympia.....	" 2	..	..	..	..	..
†Enterprise.....	" 3	..	..	..	..	..
†Vancouver.....	" 4	..	..	..	..	..
†Olive Branch.....	" 5	..	..	..	..	..
†Touchet.....	" 6	..	..	..	..	..
†Western.....	" 7	..	..	..	..	..
†Seattle.....	" 8	..	..	..	..	..
†New Castle.....	" 9	..	..	..	..	..
†Mount Baker.....	" 10	..	..	..	..	..
†Patit.....	..	..	..	..	..	..
	39	204	8	10	\$1,495 57	\$761 17
						\$78 65
						\$494 61
						\$87 50
						\$2,917 50
						\$10,139 98

\* No report received.

† Reports to Grand Lodge of Oregon.

‡ No report due.

§ First report.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
of Grand Encampments organized between

JURISDICTION.	No. of Encamp- ments.	Members, Dec. 31, 1875.	ADD.			Total.	
			Error in last report.	Initiated.	Admitted by Card.		
Alabama .....	9	167 .....		38	4	214	
Arkansas .....	7	110 .....	7	2	14	133	
California .....	59	3,094 .....	392	99	25	3,610	
Colorado .....	11	300 .....	14	24	6	359	
Connecticut .....	20	1,610 .....		228	26	1,880	
Delaware .....	8	378 .....		25	5	408	
District Columbia..	4	608 .....		15	3	626	
Georgia .....	13	471 .....		27	2	507	
Illinois .....	175	5,220 .....		851	93	6,259	
Indiana .....	142	5,743 .....		459	120	6,354	
Iowa.....	89	2,683 .....		569	104	3,367	
Kansas .....	26	735 .....		108	26	873	
Kentucky .....	55	2,470 .....		132	7	2,613	
Louisiana .....	5	135 .....		32	8	177	
Maine.....	23	2,224 .....		302	21	2,550	
Maryland .....	29	2,077 .....		60	5	2,152	
Massachusetts .....	41	5,904 .....		421	28	6,364	
Michigan .....	80	2,527 .....		270	58	2,894	
Minnesota.....	14	482 .....		51	12	547	
Mississippi .....	16	308 .....		23	5	343	
Missouri .....	73	2,087 .....		149	45	2,304	
Nebraska .....	8	263 .....		47	6	323	
Nevada .....	7	364 .....		29	9	406	
New Hampshire....	24	2,138 .....		154	4	2,306	
New Jersey.....	45	2,581 .....		166	15	2,777	
New York.....	91	5,548 .....		524	52	6,138	
North Carolina.....	12	276 .....		19	.....	296	
Ohio.....	199	11,558 .....		721	144	84	12,507
Ontario.....	34	1,602 .....		274	47	7	1,930
Oregon.....	7	309 .....		9	67	.....	385
Pennsylvania .....	226	15,276 .....		599	27	47	15,949
Rhode Island .....	17	1,573 .....		73	2	2	1,650
*South Carolina.....	5	258 .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee .....	36	740 .....		35	5	8	788
Texas.....	57	1,147 .....		112	62	37	1,358
Vermont .....	9	317 .....		52	10	1	330
Virginia.....	17	756 .....		43	2	14	815
West Virginia.....	27	861 .....		34	8	7	910
Wisconsin .....	61	2,099 .....		237	28	28	2,392
	1,781	86,999	14	7,321	1,162	606	96,102

\* No report received.

*United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876; and names September 1, 1876, and September 1, 1877.*

JURISDICTION.	Error in last report.	DEDUCT.				Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.
		Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.	Deceased.		
Alabama .....	.....	6	31	.....	2	39	175
Arkansas .....	.....	2	3	.....	4	9	124
California .....	.....	67	29	4	20	120	3,490
Colorado .....	.....	9	55	3	3	70	289
Connecticut .....	.....	26	106	3	10	145	1,735
Delaware .....	.....		29	2	5	36	372
District Columbia .....	.....		34	.....	8	42	584
Georgia .....	.....	26	22	.....	6	54	453
Illinois .....	.....	172	537	13	36	758	5,501
Indiana .....	1	129	373	17	63	583	5,771
Iowa .....	.....	100	199	13	15	327	3,040
Kansas .....	.....	19	14	.....	2	35	838
Kentucky .....	.....	43	210	8	7	268	2,345
Louisiana .....	.....	2	11	.....	3	16	161
Maine .....	.....	12	39	4	15	70	2,480
Maryland .....	.....	7	106	2	27	142	2,010
Massachusetts .....	.....	78	136	4	62	280	6,084
Michigan .....	33	47	208	6	13	307	2,587
Minnesota .....	.....	9	41	1	1	52	495
Mississippi .....	.....	7	52	2	4	65	278
Missouri .....	.....	48	279	9	14	350	1,954
Nebraska .....	8	8	25	.....	.....	41	232
Nevada .....	.....	13	25	2	3	43	363
New Hampshire....	10	27	58	1	24	120	2,186
New Jersey .....	.....	9	271	2	23	305	2,472
New York .....	.....	83	546	9	62	700	5,438
North Carolina .....	.....	5	25	.....	2	32	264
Ohio .....	.....	188	819	46	104	1,157	11,350
Ontario .....	.....	51	61	4	20	136	1,794
Oregon .....	.....	8	1	.....	2	11	374
Pennsylvania .....	.....	75	1,278	14	152	1,519	14,430
Rhode Island .....	.....	13	97	3	11	124	1,526
*South Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	258
Tennessee .....	.....	12	82	3	2	99	689
Texas .....	.....	228	106	1	8	343	1,015
Vermont .....	.....	14	18	.....	1	33	347
Virginia .....	11	5	88	.....	8	112	703
West Virginia .....	.....	7	69	1	9	83	824
Wisconsin .....	.....	68	176	4	12	260	2,132
	63	1,623	6 259	181	763	8,889	87,213

\*No report received.

ANNUAL REPORT of Grand Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
of Grand Encampments organized between

JURISDICTION.	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families relieved.	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.	Amount paid for the relief of widowed families.
Alabama .....	9	15	1	2	\$68 75	.....
Arkansas .....	2	4	1	4	12 00	\$10 00
California .....	256	1,468	15	20	11,372 15	749 00
Colorado .....	.....	.....	3	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut .....	72	586	.....	10	926 80	.....
Delaware .....	50	447	1	5	1,469 00	9 00
District Columbia .....	52	343	.....	8	1,091 00	.....
Georgia .....	37	93	.....	6	241 00	.....
Illinois .....	309	658	14	36	3,056 87	305 00
Indiana .....	682	2,681	6	63	8,966 63	53 55
Iowa .....	89	371	2	15	1,829 25	50 00
*Kansas .....	25	.....	.....	2	282 00	.....
Kentucky .....	170	881	9	7	3,130 50	50 00
Louisiana .....	6	75	1	3	120 70	40 00
Maine .....	156	1,472	.....	15	6,545 41	.....
Maryland .....	474	2,522	24	27	7,207 00	2,290 00
Massachusetts .....	230	1,480	3	62	3,954 25	40 10
*Michigan .....	35	.....	4	13	522 58	60 50
Minnesota .....	8	19	.....	1	73 00	.....
Mississippi .....	28	60	1	4	244 50	30 00
Missouri .....	114	368	5	14	1,369 65	104 50
Nebraska .....	8	34	.....	.....	103 50	.....
Nevada .....	20	128	.....	3	844 50	.....
New Hampshire .....	115	851	3	24	1,333 59	100 00
New Jersey .....	240	1,533	3	23	4,907 95	25 00
*New York .....	261	.....	6	62	5,666 06	101 00
North Carolina .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
*Ohio .....	1,085	.....	22	104	23,597 93	433 50
Ontario .....	111	690	2	20	789 94	14 00
Oregon .....	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
Pennsylvania .....	2,021	12,254	21	152	50,572 25	789 25
Rhode Island .....	62	512	1	11	1,463 78	25 00
†South Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee .....	37	80	3	2	264 00	65 00
Texas .....	27	77	.....	8	234 50	103 50
*Vermont .....	6	.....	.....	1	92 00	.....
Virginia .....	55	463	6	8	1,179 30	258 00
West Virginia .....	75	313	1	9	1,135 50	5 00
Wisconsin .....	10	17	13	12	128 00	809 00
	6,937	30,495	171	763	\$144,795 87	\$6,519 90

\*Report imperfect as to "number of weeks' benefits paid." †No report received.

*United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876, and names September 1, 1876, and September 1, 1877—Continued.*

JURISDICTION.	Amount paid for the education of orphans.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Amount of spe- cial relief.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
Alabama .....	\$25 00	.....	\$93 75	\$1,002 45	
Arkansas .....	10 00	.....	32 00	725 00	
California .....	\$50 00	1,278 00	.....	13,449 15	45,065 07
Colorado .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,451 30
Connecticut .....	165 00	\$40 00	1,131 80	7,377 24	
Delaware .....	315 00	20 00	1,813 00	1,611 80	
District Columbia.....	160 00	.....	1,251 00	2,660 25	
Georgia .....	85 00	.....	326 00	1,490 30	
Illinois.....	450 40	.....	3,812 27	19,484 13	
Indiana .....	1,731 25	177 20	10,928 63	24,125 70	
Iowa .....	155 00	39 50	2,073 75	9,665 72	
*Kansas .....	.....	.....	282 00	3,916 30	
Kentucky.....	654 00	168 10	4,002 60	8,111 73	
Louisiana .....	.....	.....	160 70	1,115 65	
Maine.....	200 00	20 00	6,765 44	12,648 82	
Maryland .....	718 00	58 00	10,273 00	14,747 63	
Massachusetts .....	1,491 00	135 00	5,620 35	29,461 90	
*Michigan .....	200 00	.....	783 08	7,452 98	
Minnesota .....	.....	.....	73 00	2,084 80	
Mississippi .....	57 50	.....	332 00	1,199 70	
Missouri.....	215 40	.....	1,689 55	8,279 95	
Nebraska.....	.....	.....	103 50	1,248 34	
Nevada .....	175 00	103 00	1,122 50	5,065 02	
New Hampshire.....	170 00	2 00	1,605 59	6,225 40	
New Jersey.....	43 73	391 00	5,367 68	11,039 93	
*New York.....	2,104 05	.....	7,871 11	20,062 78	
North Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	827 86	
*Ohio.....	2,337 09	.....	26,368 52	63,777 51	
Ontario.....	250 00	32 25	1,086 19	6,154 17	
Oregon.....	.....	.....	.....	1,564 54	
Pennsylvania .....	60 00	9,917 35	.....	61,338 85	99,914 19
Rhôde Island.....	300 00	58 86	1,847 64	8,865 05	
†South Carolina.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	
Tennessee .....	40 00	.....	369 00	2,799 10	
Texas .....	.....	.....	338 00	4,012 35	
*Vermont .....	52 00	.....	144 00	962 28	
Virginia.....	120 00	.....	1,557 30	2,799 36	
West Virginia.....	468 00	.....	1,608 50	2,986 47	
Wisconsin .....	205 00	.....	1,142 00	5,753 94	
	\$153 73	\$24,440 04	\$853 91	\$176,763 45	\$ 447,736 71

\*Report imperfect as to "number of weeks' benefits paid."

†No report received.

*ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
Union of Encampments working under contiguous State Grand Encampments;*

ENCAMPMENTS.	LOCATION.	Members, Dec. 31, 1875.	ADD.			Total.
			Initiated.	Admitted by Card.	Reinstated.	
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.						
*Vancouver	No. 1 Victoria	59	.....	.....	.....	59
†Harmony	" 2 Westminster	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
CHILE, S. AMERICA.						
††Southern Watch	No. 1 Valparaiso	.....	17	16	.....	33
DAKOTA.						
Royal Purple	No. 1 Vermillion	20	1	.....	.....	21
Yankton	" 2 Yankton	34	10	.....	.....	44
Hesperian	" 3 Elk Point	18	.....	.....	.....	18
FLORIDA.						
††Florida	No. 1 Jacksonville	.....	3	11	.....	14
Aucilla	" 2 Tallahassee	25	1	.....	.....	26
Excelsior	" 4 Pensacola	21	3	1	.....	25
Key West	" 5 Key West	16	20	.....	.....	36
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.						
‡Anglo American	No. 1 London, England	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
IDAHO.						
††Idaho	No. 1 Boise City	.....	5	10	.....	15
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.						
Stuart	No. 10 Pictou, N. S.	22	8	.....	.....	30
Milicete	" 11 St. John, N. B.	65	13	.....	.....	78
††Halifax	" 12 Halifax, N. S.	.....	13	8	.....	21
‡Port La Joie	" 13 Charlottetown, P. E. I.	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
MANITOBA, CANADA.						
Harmony	No. 1 Winnipeg	18	4	.....	.....	22
MONTANA.						
Rocky Mountain	No. 1 Helena	28	5	1	.....	34
††Golden Star	" 2 Deer Lodge City	.....	3	10	.....	13
NEW MEXICO.						
††Centennial	No. 3 Santa Fe	.....	1	20	.....	21
PERU, S. AMERICA.						
¶Atahualpa	No. 1 Lima	.....	.....	20	.....	20
QUEBEC, CANADA.						
Montreal	No. 1 Montreal	51	17	.....	1	69
SANDWICH ISLANDS.						
Polynesia	No. 1 Honolulu	26	5	.....	.....	31
UTAH.						
¶Oquirrh	No. 1 Salt Lake City	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WASHINGTON.						
*Alpha	No. 1 Olympia	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
**Unity	" 2 Seattle	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
WYOMING.						
Wyoming	No. 1 Laramie	30	7	.....	.....	37
Hope	" 2 Cheyenne	18	5	.....	.....	23
		451	141	97	1	690

\*Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. †Instituted July 24, 1877. ‡No report received. §Instituted October 24, 1876. ¶Instituted September 2, 1876. ¶¶Reports to Grand Encampment of California. \*\*Instituted August 24, 1877. ††First report.

*United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876; names and locations and Encampments instituted between September 1, 1876, and September 1, 1877.*

			DEDUCT.				Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.	Past Chief Patri- archs,	
			Error in last report.	Withdrawn by Card.	Suspended or dropped.	Expelled.				
ENCAMPMENTS.										
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.										
*Vancouver	No. 1		59				59			
†Harmony	" 2									
CHILE, S. AMERICA.										
††Southern Watch	No. 1							33	1	
DAKOTA.										
Royal Purple	No. 1			2			2	19	5	
Yankton	" 2		1	1			2	42	3	
Hesperian	" 3		1				1	17	3	
FLORIDA.										
††Florida	No. 1							14	3	
Aucilla	" 2						2	24	10	
Excelsior	" 4							25	6	
Key West	" 5			1			1	35	2	
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.										
†Anglo American	No. 1									
IDAHO.										
††Idaho	No. 1							15	1	
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.										
Stuart	No. 10		5				5	25	6	
Milicete	" 11	1	9		1	2	13	65	2	
††Halifax	" 12		2	1			3	18		
‡Port La Joie	" 13									
MANITOBA, CANADA.										
Harmony	No. 1		2	5	1		8	14	4	
MONTANA.										
Rocky Mountain	No. 1			6			6	28	5	
††Golden Star	" 2							13	1	
NEW MEXICO.										
††Centennial	No. 3							21		
PERU, S. AMERICA.										
Atahualpa	No. 1							20		
QUEBEC, CANADA.										
Montreal	No. 1		4	3			7	62	3	
SANDWICH ISLANDS.										
Polynesia	No. 1							31	7	
UTAH.										
¶Oquirrh	No. 1									
WASHINGTON.										
*Alpha	No. 1									
**Unity	" 2									
WYOMING.										
Wyoming	No. 1		4	1		1	6	31	6	
Hope	" 2		1	2			3	20	7	
		1	88	22	2	5	118	572	75	

\*Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. †Instituted July 24, 1877. ‡No report received. §Instituted October 24, 1876. ||Instituted September 22, 1876. ¶Reports to Grand Encampment of California. \*\*Instituted August 24, 1877. ††First report.

ANNUAL REPORT of Subordinate Encampments to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the  
m ents working under contiguous State Grand Encampments; and Encamp-

## ENCAMPMENTS.

	No. of Patriarchs relieved.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	No. of widowed families rel'd	No. of Patriarchs buried.	Amount paid for the relief of Patriarchs.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.					
*Vancouver .....	No. 1				
†Harmony .....	" 2				
CHILE, S. AMERICA.					
‡Southern Watch.....	No. 1				
DAKOTA.					
Royal Purple.....	No. 1				
Yankton .....	" 2	1	7		\$14 00
Hesperian .....	" 3				
FLORIDA.					
Florida .....	No. 1	1	6		30 00
Aucilla .....	" 2			2	
Excelsior.....	" 4				
Key West .....	" 5				
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.					
‡Anglo American.....	No. 1				
IDAHO.					
‡Idaho.....	No. 1				
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.					
Stuart.....	No. 10				
Milicete.....	" 11			1	2
†Halifax .....	" 12				
‡Port La Joie.....	" 13				
MANITOBA, CANADA.					
Harmony .....	No. 1				
MONTANA.					
Rocky Mountain.....	No. 1	2	9		63 00
†Golden Star.....	" 2				
NEW MEXICO.					
‡Centennial .....	No. 3				
PERU, S. AMERICA.					
‡Atahualpa.....	No. 1				
QUEBEC, CANADA.					
Montreal .....	No. 1				
SANDWICH ISLANDS.					
Polynesia .....	No. 1	2	5		25 00
UTAH.					
Oquirrh .....	No. 1				
WASHINGTON.					
*Alpha .....	No. 1				
†Unity .....	" 2				
WYOMING.					
Wyoming.....	No. 1	2	10	1	50 00
Hope .....	" 2	1	52		156 00
	9	89	1	5	\$338 00

\* Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. † No report due. ‡ First report. § No report received. || Reports to Grand Encampment of California.

*United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876; names of Encampments instituted between Sept'r 1, 1876 and Sept'r 1, 1877—Continued.*

ENCAMPMENTS.	Amount paid for the relief of wid. families.	Amount paid for burying the dead.	Total relief.	Total receipts.
BRITISH COLUMBIA, CANADA.				
*Vancouver .....	No. 1 .....			
†Harmony .....	" 2 .....			
CHILE, S. AMERICA.				
‡Southern Watch.....	No. 1 .....			\$1,100 00
DAKOTA.				
Royal Purple.....	No. 1 .....			34 90
Yankton.....	" 2 .....		\$14 00	199 06
Hesperian .....	" 3 .....			35 00
FLORIDA.				
Florida .....	No. 1 .....		30 00	35 25
Aucilla .....	" 2 .....			17 00
Excelsior .....	" 4 .....			153 15
Key West.....	" 5 .....			418 96
GREAT BRITAIN, EUROPE.				
‡Anglo American.....	No. 1 .....			
IDAHO.				
‡Idaho.....	No. 1 .....			346 56
LOWER PROVINCES, B. N. A.				
Stuart .....	No. 10 .....			80 43
Milicete.....	" 11 .....	\$20 00	\$30 00	277 00
†Halifax .....	" 12 .....			220 50
‡Port La Joie.....	" 13 .....			
MANITOBA, CANADA.				
Harmony .....	No. 1 .....			121 00
MONTANA.				
Rocky Mountain.....	No. 1 .....		63 00	465 55
‡Golden Star.....	" 2 .....			122 00
NEW MEXICO.				
‡Centennial.....	No. 3 .....			451 75
PERU, S. AMERICA.				
‡Atahualpa .....	No. 1 .....			274 20
QUEBEC, CANADA.				
Montreal .....	No. 1 .....			326 45
SANDWICH ISLANDS.				
Polynesia .....	No. 1 .....		25 00	200 50
UTAH				
Oquirrh .....	No. 1 .....			
WASHINGTON.				
*Alpha .....	No. 1 .....			
†Unity .....	" 2 .....			
WYOMING.				
Wyoming .....	No. 1 .....		50 00	250 25
Hope.....	" 2 .....		156 00	168 50
	\$20 00	\$30 00	\$388 00	\$5,298 01

\* Reports to Grand Encampment of Oregon. † No report due. ‡ First report. § No report received. || Reports to Grand Encampment of California.

DEGREE LODGES OF THE  
ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the*

JURISDICTION.	No. of Lodges.	Degree conferred on			Members, Dec. 31, 1875.		Admitted during year.		Total.	
		Brothers.	Wives of brothers.	Widows.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.
Alabama .....	3	2	1	...	...	...	36	32	36	32
*Arkansas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Br. Columbia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
California .....	28	167	105	7	755	729	232	112	987	841
†Chile .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Colorado .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Connecticut .....	14	78	80	4	869	663	133	138	1,002	801
†Dakota .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Delaware .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dist. Columbia .....	1	...	...	...	...	...	11	54	11	54
*Florida .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Georgia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Illinois .....	44	108	115	4	1,504	1,261	179	198	1,633	1,459
Indiana .....	179	127	118	10	1,165	1,072	127	128	1,292	1,200
Iowa .....	89	37	32	2	387	360	37	32	424	392
Kansas .....	16	...	...	...	...	...	154	122	154	122
Kentucky .....	23	114	13	2	70	53	46	44	116	97
*Louisiana .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*L. Prov. B. N. A .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Maine .....	12	187	144	...	553	502	190	141	743	643
†Maryland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Massachusetts ..	28	216	215	2	1,401	1,378	216	217	1,617	1,595
Michigan .....	33	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Minnesota .....	12	72	61	...	...	...	72	61	72	61
*Mississippi .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Missouri .....	13	47	39	1	281	166	87	73	368	239
Montana .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Nebraska .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Nevada .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
N. Hampshire .....	11	12	16	...	551	566	130	139	681	705
New Jersey .....	30	792	795	...	...	...	792	795	792	795
*New York .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
North Carolina .....	1	2	1	...	...	...	36	15	36	15
Ohio .....	35	...	...	...	1,307	1,299	197	183	1,504	1,482
*Ontario .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oregon .....	9	5	7	..	132	94	6	6	138	100
Pennsylvania .....	97	166	136	7	957	997	152	145	1,109	1,142
Rhode Island .....	13	75	46	2	489	463	55	58	544	521
†South Carolina .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Switzerland .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tennessee .....	21	...	...	...	137	98	...	...	137	98
*Texas .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Utah .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
*Vermont .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
†Virginia .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
West Virginia .....	8	43	59	...	226	314	43	59	269	373
Wisconsin .....	50	363	311	...	764	711	363	311	1,127	1,022
†Wyoming .....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	770	2,613	2,294	41	11,548	10,726	3,294	3,063	14,842	13,789

\*No report received. †No Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah in this jurisdiction.

1877.

GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES.

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## DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

*United States, for the year from January 1, to December 31, 1876.*

DEDUCT.								Total.	Members, Dec. 31, 1876.		Not attac'd to R.D.Lodges.			
Withdr'n.	Dropped.	Exp'd.	Dec'd.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Total of the Degree.
Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Brothers.	Sisters.									
17	16	115	55	6	5	138	76	849	765	36	32	.....	.....	68
8	6	613	480	3	2	5	5	629	493	1,054	966	.....	.....	1,614
15	3	64	48	1	10	5	90	56	1,202	1,144	.....	616	2,962	1,789
5	7	6	3	1	1	12	11	412	381	.....	.....	.....	793	65
4	4	4	1	1	9	.....	.....	154	122	1,142	505	1,142	505	1,923
41	32	35	30	11	13	87	75	1,530	1,520	.....	.....	.....	3,050	1,370
7	8	135	42	1	1	3	2	146	53	222	186	.....	.....	408
6	5	9	.....	2	2	17	7	664	698	1,753	780	3,895	51	1,473
10	8	46	38	3	8	1	64	50	728	745	.....	.....	.....	2,133
12	8	17	18	.....	.....	29	26	109	74	.....	318	501	501	1,863
7	10	224	128	9	10	240	148	869	994	.....	.....	.....	1,630	1,630
10	7	46	38	4	4	1	1	1	1	268	372	1,970	876	3,486
151	115	1,801	1,329	5	6	80	78	2,037	1,528	12,805	12,261	5,479	3,210	36,778

DEGREE LODGES OF THE  
ANNUAL REPORT of *Grand Lodges to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the*

JURISDICTION.	No. relieved.				No. de- ceased.				AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			
	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid.fam.	Orphans.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Orphans.	Brothers.	Sisters.	Wid.fam.	Orphans.	
Alabama .....	..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..	\$20 00	..	..	
*Arkansas .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
†British Columbia .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
California .....	13	35	5	3	6	5	..	\$92 00	677 50	\$60 00	..	
†Chile .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Colorado .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Connecticut .....	..	3	2	..	4	10	..	..	45 00	93 50	..	
†Dakota.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
†Delaware.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
District Columbia .....	1	13	..	..	..	..	..	5 00	84 00	..	..	
*Florida .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Georgia .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Illinois.....	10	19	..	..	5	5	..	143 00	171 00	..	..	
Indiana.....	1	20	3	6	10	5	..	10 00	126 35	..	\$15 00	
Iowa .....	..	8	..	..	1	1	..	..	30 50	..	..	
Kansas .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Kentucky .....	3	3	..	..	1	..	..	10 00	6 00	..	..	
*Louisiana .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Low Prov. B.N.A .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Maine .....	..	1	..	..	8	8	..	..	7 00	..	..	
†Maryland .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Massachusetts .....	..	5	2	..	11	13	..	..	227 00	55 50	..	
Michigan .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	189 85	..	..	
Minnesota .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Mississippi.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Missouri .....	1	6	1	..	3	2	..	10 00	47 50	75 00	..	
Montana.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Nebraska .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Nevada .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
New Hampshire .....	..	4	..	..	2	2	..	..	40 00	..	..	
New Jersey.....	2	28	..	..	8	1	..	20 00	339 80	..	..	
*New York.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
North Carolina .....	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4 00	..	..	
Ohio .....	..	20	..	..	4	8	..	..	126 00	..	..	
*Ontario .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Oregon .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	107 00	..	..	
Pennsylvania.....	14	80	2	..	9	10	..	82 50	601 90	23 50	..	
Rhode Island .....	..	4	..	..	3	3	..	..	22 50	..	..	
†South Carolina .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
†Switzerland .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
Tennessee .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Texas .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
†Utah .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
*Vermont.....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
†Virginia .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
West Virginia .....	..	..	..	..	1	1	..	309 61	..	..	25 00	
Wisconsin .....	5	16	1	..	4	4	..	41 00	112 00	4 00	..	
†Wyoming .....	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	
	50	268	16	9	80	80	..	\$723 11	\$2,984 90	\$311 50	\$40 00	

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## DAUGHTERS OF REBEKAH.

United States, for the year from January 1 to December 31, 1876.—Continued.

JURISDICTION.	AMOUNT PAID FOR RELIEF.			Paid for expenses.	Total receipts.	Total assets.
	Burying the dead.	Special relief.	Total relief.			
Alabama .....	.....	.....	\$20 00	\$50 00	\$100 30	.....
*Arkansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Br. Columbia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
California .....	.....	.....	829 50	2,706 95	4,040 03	.....
†Chile .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Colorado .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Connecticut...	\$99 00	.....	237 50	883 88	2,506 43	\$4,098 17
†Dakota .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Delaware .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Dis'tColumbia .....	.....	.....	89 00	74 53	680 45	516 92
*Florida .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Georgia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Illinois.....	43 50	.....	357 50	917 86	1,701 83	2,737 90
Indiana .....	45 00	.....	196 35	555 55	1,157 92	2,021 83
Iowa .....	1 40	.....	31 90	308 72	386 09	255 88
Kansas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kentucky .....	.....	.....	16 00	103 30	1,055 30	62 95
*Louisiana .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*L.Prov.B.N.A .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Maine .....	5 00	.....	12 00	471 43	826 14	804 00
†Maryland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Massachusetts .....	120 50	\$163 89	566 89	3,074 51	3,553 95	10,227 05
Michigan .....	.....	.....	189 85	500 60	890 94	1,757 17
Minnesota .....	.....	.....	.....	50 00	135 50	129 80
*Mississippi .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Missouri .....	15 00	.....	147 50	552 90	678 50	940 40
Montana .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Nebraska .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Nevada .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. Hampshire .....	.....	.....	40 00	666 10	881 53	1,712 90
New Jersey .....	.....	.....	359 80	.....	1,895 15	.....
*New York .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
N. Carolina .....	.....	.....	4 00	12 00	29 90	13 90
Ohio .....	53 75	.....	179 75	549 41	849 11	2,560 09
*Ontario .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Oregon .....	.....	.....	107 00	.....	485 07	.....
Pennsylvania .....	68 50	.....	776 40	1,289 97	2,946 04	4,310 42
Rhode Island .....	.....	.....	22 50	661 20	934 02	1,553 69
†S. Carolina .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Switzerland .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Tennessee .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Texas .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Utah .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
*Vermont .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
†Virginia .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
W. Virginia .....	.....	.....	334 61	346 01	637 94	1,407 61
Wisconsin .....	10 00	.....	167 00	50 96	1,480 91	3,149 62
†Wyoming .....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	\$407 90	\$217 64	\$4,685 05	\$13,825 88	\$27,853 05	\$38,260 30

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On motion of Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, the report was referred to the committee appointed to distribute the subjects of the report of the Grand Sire to appropriate committees.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer submitted his annual report, as follows:

#### REPORT OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:*

In accordance with the seventh Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, I have the honor of presenting the annual statement of the monetary affairs of the institution, for the year commencing on the 1st of September, 1876, and ending with the 31st day of August, 1877, including statement of its condition at the termination of the fiscal year.

1876.	DR. GRAND TREASURER.	
Aug. 31. To cash balance, as per report of G. Treasurer, page 6924 Journal of G. Lodge of 1876.....	\$11,436 85	
1877.		
Aug. 31. " this sum received from G. Secretary James L. Ridgely, from sales of supplies, and from Representative tax paid to him by subordinate jurisdictions, during the fiscal year ending with this date.....	35,396 62	
Jan. 17. " 6 months' interest on \$15,500 of 5-20 U. S. coupon bonds, at $6\frac{7}{8}$ per cent. premium on gold, due 1st of January, inst.....	\$496 97	
July 12. " the same, due 1st of July, inst., at $5\frac{1}{8}$ premium on gold.....	488 83	
	<hr/>	985 80
1876,		
Sept. 16. " proceeds of sale of \$2,500 of U. S. bonds, at $113\frac{1}{2}$ .....	2,837 50	
" 25. " proceeds of \$2,000 of U. S. bonds, at $113\frac{1}{4}$ , 2,265 00		
Dec. 11. " proceeds of \$2,000 of U. S. bonds, at $111\frac{3}{8}$ , 2,227 50		<hr/> 7,330 00
Sept. 29. " per diem returned by P. G. Sire J. B. Nicholson....	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$55,191 27

#### 1876. CR. GRAND TREASURER.

Sept. 23. By this sum paid to Grand Officers, P. G. Sires and Grand Representatives, who attended the session of the Grand Lodge in 1876, for mileage and per diem, as per reports of Committee on mileage and per diem, pages 6989 and 7072..	\$20,553 10
" 11. Warrant No. 542, C. Frey, for German translations...	9 00
" 20. No. 543, Telegram to London, England.....	20 00
" 22. " 544, G. Sire Durham, official expenses for one year	30 75
" 23. " 694, Grand Rep. A. L. Spear, for mileage and per diem, as a member of Committee on Supplies	48 60

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Sept.	23.	No. 695, P. G. Sire J. P. Sanders, same service as above.....	\$51 10
"	"	696, D. G. Sire J. W. Stokes, same service as above.....	49 60
"	"	697, Grand Rep. John Medole, same service as above.....	58 10
"	"	700, Grand Treasurer Joshua Vansant, same service as above.....	48 60
"	"	715, H. Colter, services at Philadelphia.....	20 00
"	27.	717, Burk & Caldwell, printing reports of Grand Officers.....	403 60
"	"	698, P. G. Sire F. D. Stuart, for mileage and per diem, as a member of the Committee on Supplies .....	56 60
"	"	712, P. G. Sire F. D. Stuart, for expenses incurred on account of Re-union of P. G. Representatives at Philadelphia.....	98 50
"	23.	699, Grand Secretary J. L. Ridgely, on account of per diem, as a member of Committee on Supplies .....	18 00
"	"	701, Assistant Grand Secretary T. A. Ross, for mileage and per diem, as Secretary of Committee on Supplies.....	48 60
"	"	716, Grand Lodge of Chile, return of dues paid by subordinate Lodges, July 1, to December 31, 1875.....	76 00
"	30.	718, Grand Lodge of Utah, return of Representative tax .....	75 00
Oct.	5.	No. 713, P. G. Rep., J. W. McQuiddy, on account of expenses incurred at Re-union of P. G. Representatives, at Philadelphia, in 1876.....	50 00
"	14.	719, Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards.....	55 20
"	"	720, J. E. Chamberlain, freight and postage.....	111 41
"	17.	721, E. C. Eggleston, gas fixtures office Grand Secretary.....	33 95
"	20.	722, C. P. Stevens, for furniture for office of Grand Secretary.....	210 00
"	"	726, Additional risk of \$500 on furniture.....	1 50
"	21.	727, Safe Deposit Co. for safe keeping of United States bonds, property of Grand Lodge.....	19 50
"	25.	723, Burk & Caldwell, account printing Daily Journal .....	499 64
"	"	724, Burk & Caldwell, for postage paid by them on mailing Daily Journal and Grand Officers' reports .....	260 47
"	"	725, Burk & Caldwell, for insurance paid by them on paper for the revised Journal.....	21 00
"	26.	714, Grand Rep., Erie J. Leech, for expenses incurred on account of Re-union Committee..	78 40
"	28.	729, W. H. Miller, carpenter work in office of Grand Secretary.....	24 57
"	"	728, Myers & Brother, for curtains for office of Grand Secretary.....	7 00
Nov.	13.	730, John Medole, printing Digest.....	334 20
"	"	731, George F. Lewis, for printing cards.....	69 00
"	"	732, W. Zimmerman & Son, for book rack.....	5 00
"	28.	733, C. E. Eccleston, for shelving vault.....	115 00

Dec.	1.	No. 734, Grand Secretary, J. L. Ridgely, for three months' services.....	\$750 00
"	"	" 735, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, for three months' services.....	500 00
"	"	" 736, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, for three months' services.....	250 00
"	"	" 737, J. E. Chamberlain, for freight and postage Grand Secretary's office.....	47 89
"	"	" 738, C. Y. Davidson, for gas fixtures in Grand Lodge building.....	55 00
"	12.	" 739, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for Journal	500 00
"	"	" 740, Burk & Caldwell, on account of printing revised Journal.....	500 00
"	19.	" 741, Sisco Brothers, flag for Grand Lodge.....	35 00
"	"	" 743, W. F. Hesse, for repair of stoves and grate for Grand Lodge office.....	72 25
"	21.	" 744, Burk & Caldwell, on account of printing revised Journal.....	500 00
"	22.	" 745, Jas. Young, printing for Grand Secretary's office .....	29 50
"	23.	" 742, M. C. Lilley & Co., Volumes 18 and 19 "Odd Fellows Companion".....	3 50
"	"	" 746, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for revised Journal.....	391 40

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Jan.	8.	" 747, F. Bergner, for frames, mouldings, &c.....	15 99
"	"	" 748, Geo. J. Roche, painting and glazing.....	4 17
"	"	" 750, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for revised Journal.....	588 00
"	"	" 749, Geo. F. Lewis, for printing cards.....	48 30
"	10.	" 751, J. E. Chamberlain, express, freight, postage, &c.....	131 21
"	16.	" 752, Burk & Caldwell, on account of printing revised Journal.....	500 00
"	19.	" 753, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for revised Journal.....	588 00
"	23.	" 754, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, on account of paper for revised Journal.....	588 00
"	25.	" 755, John Medole, on account of printing supplies .....	367 33
"	"	" 756, George F. Lewis, for printing cards.....	82 80
"	27.	" 757, G. S. Griffith & Co., carpeting for Grand Lodge building.....	210 00
"	"	" 758, C. Y. Davidson & Co., gas fixtures for Grand Lodge building.....	6 94
"	"	" 759, E. C. Eggleston, gas fixtures for Grand Lodge building.....	6 90
"	30.	" 760, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for revised Journal.....	588 00
"	31.	" 761, Grand Lodge of Maryland, six months' ground rent of lot on Orange alley.....	30 00
Feb.	3.	" 762, A. Hohen, check book for Grand Treasurer,	10 00
"	9.	" 763, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for revised Journal.....	588 00
"	10.	" 766, Dobler, Mudge & Chapman, paper for revised Journal.....	365 08
"	12.	" 764, Burk & Caldwell, printing revised Journal,	883 33
"	"	" 765,	23 00

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Feb.	12.	No. 767, George F. Lewis, for printing cards.....	\$110 40
"	"	768, J. E. Chamberlain, express, freight, postage, etc.....	65 75
"	24.	769, W. G. Browne, for portrait of P. G. Sire M. J. Durham.....	243 00
March	1.	770, Grand Secretary, James L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	750 00
"	"	771, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, three months' services.....	500 00
"	"	772, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, three months' services.....	250 00
"	12.	773, A. Moore, subscription to "Mystic Jewel" ..	3 26
"	16.	775, Geo. F. Lewis, printing diplomas and cards	118 25
"	17.	774, John Medole & Son, printing form books and odes.....	130 75
"	"	776, James Young, printing for office of Grand Secretary.....	27 25
"	22.	778, W. G. Browne, on account of painting por- trait of Past Grand Sire C. A. Logan.....	118 00
"	26.	779, Insurance at New York on electrotypes plates.....	7 50
"	28.	777, W. G. Browne, balance on painting portrait of Past Grand Sire C. A. Logan.....	125 00
"	30.	780, D. D. Grand Sire C. A. Logan, for premium on drafts.....	3 36
April	2.	781, Insurance on Grand Lodge furniture, &c....	27 00
"	7.	782, Geo. F. Lewis, printing cards.....	207 00
"	14.	783, Brantz Mayer, Spanish translation of De- gree and Charge books.....	100 00
"	20.	784, John Medole & Son, on account of printing supplies.....	115 03
May	9.	785, John Medole & Son, printing Digests.....	330 20
"	11.	786, Insurance on Grand Lodge building.....	3 75
"	14.	787, Brantz Mayer, Spanish translation of De- gree and Charge books.....	100 00
"	18.	788, Harrington & Mills, desks and chairs for Grand Lodge.....	486 00
"	22.	789, Insurance on books and portraits of Grand Lodge.....	26 35
"	29.	790, Insurance on electrotypes plates.....	24 75
"	31.	791, Grand Secretary James L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	750 00
"	"	792, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, three months' services.....	500 00
"	"	793, J. E Chamberlain, Messenger, three months' services .....	250 00
"	"	794, J. E Chamberlain, for express, freight, post- age, etc.....	79 74
June	15.	797, Rawlings & Brunner, for binding and ruling,	31 50
"	21.	795, John Medole & Son, printing 'Odes, etc.	70 75
"	"	796, " " Spanish Charge and Degree Books.....	449 00
"	29.	798, James Young, printing for office of Grand Secretary.....	21 25
July	6.	799, Grand Lodge of Maryland, rent, etc., of office for Grand Secretary.....	355 00
"	23.	800, John Medole & Son, printing supplies.....	21 05
Aug.	9.	801, George F. Lewis, printing cards.....	138 00

Aug. 14.	No. 802, F. Bergner, wire and hanging portraits of P. G. Sires.....	\$5 20
" 21.	" 803, C. E. Eccleston, shelving in vault.....	19 00
" 20.	" 804, W. F. Hesse, removing stoves, etc.....	2 00
" 29.	" 805, Sisco Brothers, repairing flag of Grand Lodge.....	4 00
" 31.	" 806, M. C. Lilley & Co., six copies of German Digest.....	15 00
" "	" 807, George F. Lewis, printing diplomas.....	90 40
" "	" 808, Paul & Lindsay, binding books.....	6 25
" "	" 809, J. W. Bond & Co., stationery for twelve months.....	152 33
" "	" 810, J. E. Chamberlain, freight charges, etc., for office of Grand Secretary.....	60 91
" "	" 811, Grand Secretary, James L. Ridgely, three months' services.....	750 00
" "	" 812, Assistant Grand Secretary, T. A. Ross, three months' services.....	500 00
" "	" 813, J. E. Chamberlain, Messenger, three months' services.....	250 00
" "	" 814, Grand Treasurer, J. Vansant, for twelve months' services.....	500 00
" "	" 815, Grand Treasurer, J. Vansant, for ninety check stamps.....	1 80
	Total.....	\$41,716 36
	Cash balance.....	13,474 91
		\$55,191 27
According to the foregoing statement, the aggregate debit account of the Grand Treasurer is.....	\$55,191 27	
And the aggregate credit or disbursing account is.....	41,716 36	
And the cash balance, as stated, is.....	\$13,474 91	

In order, however, to show the revenue proper for the fiscal year, the following items should be deducted from the debit account, viz:

Cash balance on 31st August, 1876.....	\$11,436 85
Proceeds of sales of \$6,500 of United States bonds.....	7,330 00
Amount of per diem warrant returned by P. G. Sire Nicholson....	42 00
Total .....	\$18,808 85

Deduct these three items from the debit side of the account of the Grand Treasurer, and it will show that the revenue proper for the fiscal year was.....

\$36,382 42

Which consisted of the following items, viz:

Supplies and representative tax.....	\$35,396 62
Interest on United States bonds.....	985 80
	\$36,382 42

Deduct also from the credit or disbursing account of the Grand Treasurer, to wit: \$41,716.36, the sum of \$42 which had been charged to P. G. Sire Nicholson, and which he subsequently returned to the Grand Lodge, and it will show that the expenses of the Grand Lodge for the fiscal year were \$41,674.91, being \$5,292.49 in excess of the revenue proper for said year.

Between the 16th of September and the 11th of December, 1876, the Grand Treasurer was compelled to dispose of \$6,500 of United States 5-20 coupon bonds to meet the warrants drawn on him by the R. W. Grand Secretary. The premium on these bonds in currency, amounted to \$830.

The sales were made in virtue of the authority of the Grand Lodge, and the necessity for the same appears in the accounts of the Grand Treasurer, which show that, independent of the proceeds of the sale of bonds, there were, up to the closing of the session of the Grand Lodge at Philadelphia, in the hands of the Treasurer, but \$15,741.97, while the warrants drawn on him at Philadelphia, amounted to \$20,892.05.

The cash balance in the treasury, \$13,474.91, and such sum as will probably be paid by the Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions between the date of this report and the meeting of the Grand Lodge on the 17th instant, will not be sufficient to pay the mileage and per diem expenses of the approaching session, and hence the necessity will arise for disposing of such amount of bonds as will cover the deficiency.

I respectfully suggest the expediency of authorizing the Grand Treasurer to dispose of such amount of the bonds of the Grand Lodge as may be necessary to meet any deficiency of cash moneys in the treasury; and, also, in the contingency of the General Government calling in any of its bonds now held by the Grand Lodge, that he be authorized, at his discretion, to reinvest the sum received for such bonds in other Government securities.

The available assets of the Grand Lodge, on the 31st of August, 1877, were as follows:

United States 5-20 coupon bonds, par value.....	\$15,500 00
Cash balance 31st of August, 1877.....	13,474 91
Promissory note of Grand Encampment of South Carolina.....	75 00
Total.....	\$29,049 91

#### WILDEY MONUMENT ACCOUNT.

Dr., Grand Treasurer.	
1876. Aug. 31. To cash balance.....	\$641 29
1877. Jan. 17. Interest on \$2,000 of U. S. coupon bonds, at 6 $\frac{7}{8}$ per cent. premium on gold.....	64 12
" July 12. Interest on \$2,000 of U. S. coupon bonds, at 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ premium on gold.....	63 07
Total .....	\$768 48

Cr., Grand Treasurer.	
1877. July 5. J. F. Schweitzer, twelve months' salary as keeper.....	50 00
Cash balance.....	718 48
Total .....	\$768 48

The assets of the fund consist of,	
U. S. 5-20 coupon bonds at par value.....	\$2,000 00
Cash balance.....	718 48
Total .....	\$2,718 48

Fraternally submitted,

JOSHUA VANSANT, *Grand Treasurer.*

Baltimore, September 1, 1877.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the report was referred to the Committee on Finance.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following:

OFFICE GRAND CORRESPONDING AND RECORDING SECRETARY,

R. W. G. L. OF U. S.,

BALTIMORE, Md., September 17, 1877.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and lady fraternally invite the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Officers and Grand Representatives to a cordial reception at their home, No. 267 Lanvale street, Wednesday evening next, 19th instant, from 8½ to 11 o'clock.

Individual invitations, for members and ladies accompanying, will be laid upon each desk, and if any mistake is discovered, please notify the Assistant Grand Secretary.

Fraternally,

JAS. L. RIDGELY,

G. Cor. and Rec. Sec.

On motion of Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was unanimously accepted, with the thanks of the Lodge.

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a recess of 15 minutes be taken by this R. W. Grand Lodge, at 1 P. M. to-day, for the purpose of receiving the visiting Patriarchal Uniformed Battalion from the jurisdiction of the District of Columbia.

The Chair announced the following Standing Committees:

*Committee on the State of the Order*.—Reps. WHITE, of New York; BUSBEE, of North Carolina; BARBER, of Mississippi; McDANEL, of Delaware; CRANE, of New Jersey; KIDDER, of New Hampshire; DEAN, of Michigan; ARMSTRONG, of Ohio; BACKENSTO, of Oregon.

*Judiciary Committee*.—Reps. FITZHUGH, of Virginia; PERRY, of Ontario; HERRING, of Texas; GWINNER, of Pennsylvania; WELLINGTON, of Massachusetts; DOWDEN, of Kentucky; COX, of Arkansas; BEATTY, of California; CUMMINGS, of New Hampshire.

*Legislative Committee*.—Reps. GAREY, of Maryland; UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky; TERRY, of Connecticut; STEBEINS, of New York; SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania; STICKNEY, of Massachusetts; GIVEN, of District of Columbia; DYER, of Maine; BRADLEY, of Colorado.

*Committee on Finance*.—Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania; SPEAR, of Maryland; HOMES, of Louisiana; GIBSON, of Ontario; HASKINS, of New York; STAFFORD, of Texas; BLANKS, of Virginia; NASH, of Maine.

*Appeal Committee, No. 1*.—Reps. MORRIS, of Kentucky; BOYD, of California; KIBBEE, of Georgia; PRESSEY, of Maine; KIMBALL, of Indiana; HEISEY, of Iowa; PRICE, of Kansas; OBERLY, of Illinois; HURLEY, of Arkansas.

*Appeal Committee, No. 2*.—Reps. PORTER, of California; WOODYATT, of Ontario; TICKNOR, of Illinois; BAGLEY, of North Carolina; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; ROBERTSON, of Lower Provinces; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island; TAYLOR, of Massachusetts; COCHRAN, of Mississippi.

*Committee on Correspondence*.—Reps. SHERMAN, of Illinois; SMITH, of Nevada;

KRETSCHMER, of Iowa; SHEIRE, of Minnesota; BOYLES, of Tennessee; BIGELOW, of Vermont; COHEN, of Arkansas.

*Committee on Constitutions.*—Reps. BELL, of Ohio; COTHRAN, of Alabama; GRISAMORE, of Louisiana; OVIATT, of Michigan; BRERETON, of Delaware; BLOCK, of Iowa; SMITH, of Indiana.

*Committee on Petitions.*—Reps. GLENN, of Georgia; ROBINSON, of Virginia; ELDER, of Colorado; BENNETT, of Missouri; BOYD, of Connecticut; LICHTY, of Illinois; WALLING, of Oregon.

*Committee on Returns.*—Reps. THOMPSON, of Missouri; PEARCE, of Florida; BLATT, of Dakota; ROBBE, of Georgia; ROBERTSON, of Indiana; BETTON, of Kansas; NUTT, of New Jersey.

*Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented.*—Reps. MCKINNEY, of Texas; PIKE, of Missouri; DE GRESS, of Chile; FORD, of Nebraska; WEAKLEY, of Tennessee; PECK, of West Virginia; STUMBLFS, of Lower Provinces.

*Committee on Mileage and Per Diem.*—Reps. CLOWARD, of Delaware; SHIDELER, of Indiana; VIRDEN, of Nevada; HOTCHKISS, of Wisconsin; HAMMA, of Wyoming.

*Committee on Printing Supplies.*—Reps. JONES, of Maryland; CLEAVER, of New Jersey; MILLER, of Rhode Island; MCLEAN, of District of Columbia; NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, of Pennsylvania; RIDGELY, G. C. and R. Secretary, of Maryland; VANSANT, G. Treasurer, of Maryland.

*Committee on Unfinished Business.*—Reps. RAWLINGS, of Maryland; DYE, of Minnesota; ST. JOHN, of Oregon; ROSLER, of West Virginia; JONES, of Wisconsin; HAVENS, of Kansas.

*Committee on Miscellaneous Business.*—Reps. BARROWS, of Mississippi; HYDE, of Vermont; JONES, of Nevada; DECKER, of Colorado; SPORMAN, of Alabama; RENGSTORFF, of Louisiana; DAVIS, of Maine.

*Committee on Foreign Relations.*—Reps. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania; NEWELL, of New Jersey; SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; WILLISTON, of Minnesota; GARDNER, of New York; DRIGGS, of Connecticut; SANDERS, P. G. Sire.

*Committee on History of Odd Fellowship.*—Reps. GALES, of North Carolina; INGERSOLL, of Michigan; WILKERSON, of Missouri; MUNSON, of Connecticut; BARRY, of Tennessee; DODGE, of Rhode Island; DANN, of California.

*Committee on Degree of Rebekah.*—Reps. HAVENNER, of District of Columbia; SPATES, of West Virginia; RODOLF, of Wisconsin; HILDRETH, of New Hampshire; KENNEDY, of Ohio; FORD, of Ontario; ZIMMERER, of Nebraska.

Bro. JAMES L. RIDGELY, Historiographer, submitted his report as follows:

#### REPORT OF HISTORIOGRAPHER.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

WORTHY BROTHERS: The report of the Historiographer has been made at every session of the Grand Lodge up to 1876, inclusive, in conformity to law. The last report, page 6918 Journal, represented that the Historiographer, in consequence of failing health, had invited and obtained the co-operation of Bro. HENRY F. GAREY, P. G. Rep. of Maryland, under whose editorial aid the history of the first decade had been sufficiently advanced to justify the examination and critical review of the manuscript and its approval preparatory to publication. Additional manuscripts prepared by Bros. JOHN W. STOKES, M. W. Grand Sire, and also by WM. ELLISON, P. G. Sire, the former as Historiographer of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the latter as Historiographer for the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, had also been submitted, and a chapter by Bro. THEODORE A. Ross, on the Manchester Unity, was in progress from authentic English

and American sources, all of which were intended to be incorporated into the book under the same supervision. At the request of the Historiographer, Bro. GAREY was permitted to read portions of the completed manuscript to the Grand Lodge, as perhaps the most satisfactory manner of having the merits of the work passed upon. In consequence, however, of the pressure of the business of the session, and the extraordinary interest awakened during the Centennial Exposition, no sufficient opportunity was afforded the Grand Lodge to finish the reading or to satisfactorily consider the portion already read. As a consequence, when the report of the Committee on History came up for final action on the last day of the session, and a few hours before the adjournment *sine die*, the Grand Lodge was not sufficiently advised on the subject to act upon the report. A postponement to the next session was therefore unavoidable, and this conclusion was wisely reached. The condition is unaltered at this time, and the subject may be resumed at your pleasure. But in this connection it may be proper to remark that there does not seem to exist at this time, such a sense of the necessity or importance of this work as to induce that zealous concern so requisite to the success of such an undertaking. There are times for all things. When a deeply seated conviction shall exist of its necessity, and an honorable curiosity shall invite us to turn with enthusiasm to the subject and to the times, then will the history be written. My associations and personal devotion to the Order for so many years have led me to assume a task whose magnitude far exceeds the vigor which I can command.

I am sensible of the rapid approach of infirmitiies, and that the time I could best have spent in this direction has past. I, therefore, with sincere sorrow, and with keen regret that I could do no more in so grand a cause, hereby resign my place as Historiographer, with my best wishes for the future and final completion of a work so important to Odd Fellowship. I have caused the entire completed manuscript, as detailed in my report of last year, together with a mass of valuable papers accumulated by me during many years, to be deposited in the fire-proof, as the property of the Grand Lodge, among which is the original manuscript of the Past Grand's Charge, as first presented, in 1845, to my colleagues on the Revision Committee, Bros. E. H. CHAPIN and JOHN A. KENNEDY. There is no debt owing by the Grand Lodge on account of the History. The whole sum expended has amounted to \$1,500; \$1,000 to the widow of the lamented KENNEDY for his manuscript, and \$500 to the present Historiographer.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES L. RIDGELY,  
*Historiographer.*

Which was referred to the Committee on History of Odd Fellowship.

The Grand Secretary presented the following:

- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kansas.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Lower Provinces, B. N. A.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Montana.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Kansas.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts.
- Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan.
- Constitution of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, Boise City, Idaho.

Amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska.

Amended By-Laws of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Valparaiso, Chile, South America.

Amended By-Laws of Royal Purple Encampment, No. 1, Vermillion, Dakota.

Constitution and By-Laws of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory.

Constitution and By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, Netherlands.

Amended Constitution and By-Laws of Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Constitution and By-Laws of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

### Which were referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Appeal of AUGUST PREHM, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Appeal of JOHN A. THOMPSON, P. G. M., and others, minority of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland.

Appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, from the decision of G. VAREY, D. D. Grand Sire.

Appeal of EDGAR WHITLOCK, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of JOHN MEDOLE, P. G. Rep., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of JOHN M. HAHN and HENRY WAGNER, P. G.'s, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of GEORGE A. CALLAHAN, P. G. R., from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maine.

Appeal of HENRY ASH, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

Appeal of H. H. LOWENTHAL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

### Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 1.

Appeal of BENJAMIN F. REYNOLDS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Appeal of EDWIN ROUNDS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island.

Appeal of A. ORENDOFF, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Appeal of M. C. EAMES, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois,

Appeal of F. BROSS, P. G. M., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Appeal of JOHN E. FAWKNER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

Appeal of ROBERT PYE, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.

Appeal of JAMES BOWYER, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas.

Appeal of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER, P. G., of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, through the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, from the action of Eclipse Lodge, No 404, Illinois.

### Which were referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Petition of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, as follows:

VICTORIA, BRITISH COLUMBIA, June 19, 1877.

To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:

The undersigned, on behalf of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, respectfully represent that, owing to the very great distance we are located from the

east, where the Grand Lodge of the United States generally holds its communications, they cannot bear the heavy burden of paying the expenses of a Representative from this Province, and also pay the yearly tax to the Grand Lodge of the United States; they therefore respectfully petition to have placed to the credit of the Grand Lodge of British Columbia, the amount already paid for said annual tax, and also that the Grand Lodge of British Columbia be exempt from the payment of Representative tax until they shall have obtained the legitimate number of ten subordinate Lodges.

We do not ask this as a right, but from the precedent adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States toward the Grand Lodge of Chile, at the last annual communication, we consider that we are entitled to the same privilege.

Fraternally submitted,

R. ROBERTS, *Grand Master.*

JAMES D. ROBINSON, *Grand Secretary.*

Which was referred to the Committee on Finance.

Memorial from the Lodges in the Indian Territory, as follows :

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE W. DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND SIRE

*For the Indian Territory.*

R. W. G. L. of U. S.

CADDO, August 28, 1877.

JAMES L. RIDGELY, Esq., *Grand C. and R. Sec.:*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: Herewith I send you copy of memorial which the Lodges of the Indian Territory desire to submit to the Grand Lodge at its next session, and they have sent Bro. J. M. HARLEY, P. G., of Tishomingo Lodge, to present the same.

Unless there is something done, some of our Lodges will have to surrender their charters.

I wish to bespeak your kind offices in getting the matter properly before the Grand Lodge without delay.

Fraternally,

I. W. STONE, *D. D. G. S.*

*To the Most Worthy Grand Sire, Grand Officers and Members of the Grand Lodge of the I. O. O. F., U. S. A.*

GREETING: We, the officers and members of Caddo Lodge, No. 1, Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2, and McAlister Lodge, No. 3, I. O. O. F., of the Indian Territory, most respectfully ask leave to invite your attention to, and favorable consideration of the following statements and to the memorial of your brothers who are here laboring to extend the folds of the great banners of Odd Fellowship, and to disseminate the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth among the millions of this Territory.

The Territory embraced by the five civilized tribes, viz: Chickasaws, Choctaws, Cherokees, Creeks and Seminoles, is computed to be in square miles about equal in extent to the State of Missouri—with a population, as nearly as can be ascertained, of Chickasaws, 5,800; Choctaws, 14,000; Cherokees, 18,672; Creeks, 14,000; Seminoles, 2,553—making a total population of 55,025. All of these tribes have regularly organized Governments, with laws adapted to the peculiar condition of each.

They have long since adopted the habits, customs and mode of living of the whites. They are now, and have been for years past, making very considerable

efforts to educate their children, in accordance with the best plans and most approved methods of instruction adopted in the States, having established, and in successful operation, schools and academies of high grades among them, employing as teachers men and women of fine culture, large experience, and skilled in educational work, earnest and energetic, who are encouraged by adequate remuneration and the co-operation of a large majority of citizens, who feel that this is the only way in which to elevate and qualify their people for the duties and responsibilities of coming life, and as a proof of this large sums of money are expended annually for educational purposes. Among the Chickasaws, one of the smallest tribes, about \$40,000 will be expended in this way this year, and among the others greater or less sums.

And while they are thus nobly employed in the work of education, they are not neglecting Christianity. Missionaries have been among them for thirty years, and in many places will be found congregations of worshiping Christians. Churches and Mission Stations are constantly being formed all over the country, many of the citizens being noted for their orderly conducted piety and Christian zeal.

There has also been formed, in this same Territory, a Grand Lodge of the Masonic fraternity, which seems to be in a prosperous condition.

Now, therefore, knowing the condition of this people, the intellectual and moral worth of the better classes, their social standing among gentlemen of the surrounding States—Texas, Arkansas, Kansas and Missouri—to be recognized and appreciated by the educated and refined; and knowing the readiness and ease with which they can obtain bank accommodations; knowing them to be endowed by nature, morally and intellectually, with qualities necessary to make good and useful citizens; that they are able and willing to assist in every good word and work, such as educating the orphan, administering to the necessities of the sick, burying the dead; and believing that since many of them are good citizens, that they would not only make good Odd Fellows, but become an honor to the Order among us; and knowing further that many of the whites here have married citizens of this country, and are identified with them, who were members of the Order before they came among us, and still love and hold to the principles set forth in our tenets, whose children cannot follow the example of their fathers and remain here under existing strictures; and believing that the Order here, though young and feeble, has accomplished already some good in extending aid to Odd Fellows from many of the States, and burying the same where kind attention and medical skill have failed, and they have passed into eternity; and in gathering together the bones of your brothers and our brothers, who, travelling through the sparsely settled portions of this country have been murdered by renegades from justice, and their bones left to moulder back to earth in the dismal forests, unknown to their friends and relatives—by giving the remains decent Christian interment, and sending to their friends all the information that can be obtained, and to their Lodges a statement of all the facts known, as in the case of Bro. W. S. Barbaro, a member (as gathered from his papers) of Woodward Lodge, No. 149, I. O. O. F., of Cincinnati; and feeling satisfied that our Order cannot increase and fully carry out the objects contemplated in our organization under existing constitutional prohibitions, the citizens of the Territory being excluded, we do, therefore, most respectfully and earnestly entreat your honorable body to take our cause under consideration, and if it can be done without detriment to the Order, we ask that your Constitution may be so altered or amended as to allow us to receive into our fraternity Indians who speak and understand the English language, and are found to be worthy and well qualified. But if in your wisdom it would not be for the best interests of Odd Fellowship to make the change desired, we then ask, most earnestly, that you, seeing our condition, will make the same exceptions in our favor as we understand have been made in favor of some of the South American States, Australia, and other places, so that we can be legally allowed to take into our Order Indians of the above named qualifications, of this Territory.

Hoping that harmony may prevail in your Councils, and the Spirit of the Most High direct all your decisions.

We remain, most respectfully, in F. L. and T.,

ALBERT CARNEY, N. G. JOHN RENNIE, N. G.

I. W. STONE, *Secretary.* BEN. C. BURNEY, *Secretary.*

Caddo Lodge, No. 1.

Tishomingo Lodge, No. 2.

THOMAS POWERS, N. G.

JOHN LENHOFF, *Secretary.*

McAlister Lodge, No. 3.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Communications from John M. Jones, Grand Secretary and Grand Scribe, certifying the action of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment, of Maryland, on the subject of the finances of the G. L. of the U. S.

Which, on motion of Rep. WOODHOUSE, of Vermont, were received and laid on the table.

A communication from the Grand Master and Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Chile, certifying the action of that body concerning the right of Rep. DEGRESS to a seat in the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Which was referred to the Judiciary Committee.

Petition from Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Province of Quebec, Canada, to be attached to the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Petition from ROBERT JAMES CLINCKETT, P. G.; EDMUND ISAAC BAEZA, P. G.; CHARLES FRANCIS INNESS, P. G.; FREDERICK VERBECK CLINCKETT, N. G., and CHARLES A. G. HONYCHURCH, V. G. of Amity Lodge, No. 6113, of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, Manchester Unity, located at Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, to constitute a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

Which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Also, two communications from F. MEYENDORF, R. W. Grand Secretary, of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Which were referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Also, the following petitions for Charters:

Atahualpa Encampment, No. 1, at Lima, Republic of Peru, South America.  
Port La Joie Encampment, No. 13, at Charlottetown, Province of Prince Edward Island, Canada.

Harmony Encampment, No. 2, at New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Canada

Unity Encampment, No 2 at Seattle, Washington Territory.

New Castle Lodge, No. 8, at New Castle, Washington Territory.

Mount Baker Lodge, No. 9, at Port Townsend, Washington Territory.

Patit Lodge, No. 10, at Dayton, Washington Territory.

Beaver Lodge, No. 6, at Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada.

Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, at Richmond, Province of Quebec, Canada.

McAlister Lodge, No. 3, at McAlister, Indian Territory.

Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands.

And the returns of the institution of

Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, Province of North Holland, Kingdom of the Netherlands, March 19, 1877.

Fortschritt Lodge, No. 3, at Lima, Republic of Peru, South America, October 30, 1876.

Chalaco Lodge, No. 4, at Callao, Republic of Peru, South America, October 31, 1876.

Which were referred to the Committee on Petitions.

On motion of Rep. McDANEL, of Delaware, the jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Connecticut, by its Executive Council, has instructed its Representatives to present to your consideration the following inquiries :

1. Is it in accordance with the principles of the Order for a member of a Lodge to prosecute brothers in the civil courts for presenting charges against him in the Lodge?

2. If not, what punishment, in the absence of local legislation, should be inflicted?

Rep. BLATT, of Dakota, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, presented the appeal of WILLIAM GARRETT, Grand Secretary, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. HILL, of Massachusetts, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MASS.  
BOSTON, August 1, 1877.

*AMOS HILL, R. W. Grand Representative.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER:—At the session of the R. W. Grand Encampment held this day, it was voted that you be requested to ask the following question of the G. L. U. S.:

“Can a Patriarch wear the prescribed street uniform at a funeral?”

Fraternally yours,

CHARLES D. COLE, *Grand Scribe.*

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

I. O. O. F.  
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF ONTARIO.  
BRANTFORD, September 7, 1877.

Amongst other proceedings the following was adopted, moved by Rep. H. ROBERTSON, and seconded by Rep. JOHN GALUA:

WHEREAS, The R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States at its last meeting, did declare that a By-Law making the payment of dues quarterly in advance, was, under *existing laws*, illegal, (see pages 6978, 7051, Journal 1876, G. L. U. S.) and,

WHEREAS, This R. W. Grand Lodge considers that the payment of dues quarterly in advance is a matter that should be left entirely to the members of the Subordinate Lodges, they being the best judges of their requirements in the premises; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Lodge do instruct its Representatives to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to offer the following at the coming session of that body, viz:

*Resolved*, That from and after this date, it shall be competent for Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to permit their Subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues quarterly in advance.

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a correct copy from the minutes.

J. B. KING, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. DEAN, of Michigan, presented the appeal of JOHN F. C. HOLLINGS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

At a stated Annual Communication of the Right Worthy Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, held at the City of Erie, May 14, 1877, the following among other proceedings were had:

“The committee, to which was referred the annual reports of the Most Worthy Grand Patriarch, and the Right Worthy Grand Scribe, respectfully report:

"That the views of the Grand Patriarch, so ably and earnestly set forth in his report upon the subject of high initiation fees, meet with the unanimous and hearty approval of your committee, and they urge upon the membership generally that consideration which its importance demands, and suggest that action be taken, fixing a maximum as well as a minimum rate for initiation in a Subordinate Encampment, and a ratio of weekly dues and benefits, to correspond and properly protect all the members of the several Encampments.

"His ideas so fully and ably represented, relative to the greater independence of this branch of the Order, or a greater degree of reciprocal rights between the two branches, meet with the cordial approbation of your committee. Each body being distinct in its financial provision for its members, it is but reasonable that each should be equally unable to interfere with the membership itself. Therefore, suggesting the method by which this desirable result shall be attained, your committee deem the subject one of the utmost importance, and deserving of particular attention, and recommend 'a change of the law which makes Patriarchal standing dependent on the action of the Subordinate Lodge.'

"In this connection they would offer the following resolution:

*"Resolved*, That the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be instructed to advocate in that body the changes above indicated."

Attest.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,  
*Grand Scribe.*

Also the following:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.:*

The undersigned, Representatives of the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania to the Grand Lodge of the United States, in obedience to a resolution of the Grand Encampment at the Annual Session, May 14, 1877, respectfully submit the following extract from the report of GEORGE BERTRAM, the retiring Grand Patriarch:

"When called to take the first step toward this exalted place I was deeply impressed with the responsibility which the different stations I might have to occupy would involve. When installed as the temporary head of the Patriarchal Order, and when meditating how I could best fulfill the duties of the trust with which I felt so highly honored, I concluded that there was something more to be done than a mere supervision of existing Encampments as they were—than visiting such as circumstances enabled me to reach—exemplifying the work, commanding the successful and the correct, encouraging the faltering, cheering the desponding, arousing the energies of the indifferent, enlivening the lukewarm, extolling the beauties and the benefits of the Patriarchal Order, and pressing on the attention of all the sacredness of obligation; of members individually proving by their lives that they were practicing the lessons learned among the Patriarchs, and by still further urging the importance at all times of preparing for the faithful performance of the pecuniary promises of every Encampment, in providing for the needy and afflicted as might from time to time, and for all time be dependent on them, was not all the charge committed to me when I accepted the highly honorable position which your partiality and your suffrages selected me to occupy; there was beyond these, the present merely, something to be done for the future, something wrong to be corrected, something lacking to be supplied, some existing things to be changed, that more perfect success might be secured.

"The main matter of the present enquiry shall be the cause of the vast difference in numbers between the Odd Fellows in this jurisdiction and any other over the Patriarchal roll, and as this very great disparity is not local but general, the same causes prevailing in our jurisdiction evidently affect all the rest. That all the causes which have produced this result in the two divisions of this great benevolent institution, can at once be discovered, or the remedy applied, is not to be expected, but that some incongruity exists where there should be

harmony is too apparent to be denied, and the discovery is worthy of diligent, patient research. Civilization, the forerunner of progress, like everything human, is not all unmixed good; a desire of personal gain naturally comes from the commerce which civilization brings, and selfishness obstructs the avenues to sympathy with the sufferings or the circumstances of others. The sublime and thoroughly practical purposes of Odd Fellowship appear as necessities to counteract some of the errors which commingle with the changes which centuries have been making, but in order that they may be applied advantageously they must be understood. As no subject can be fully comprehended by a perusal of its rudiments only, neither can all the influences or the benefits of Odd Fellowship be appreciated by learning only its first lesson—there is a higher grade which must be reached, where its purposes and its principles are more largely defined. A halting on the threshold is a branch, but not the root of the matter. A little more zeal, a little more diligence on the part of the more advanced might be of our own volition, but there are other barriers in the way which are more difficult to remove, because they require legislation in other bodies than that over which we have control.

"If the fathers who founded the Order, and the faithful men who moulded it and gave it its present form, had contemplated the rapidity and the extent of its growth, and the numerous imitators and rivals which have sprung up in rapid succession, it is not likely that admission to the higher branch would have been so dependent upon the subordinate. The preparatory degrees would have been fewer, more rapidly attainable, and cheaper; status in the Encampment would not have been so absolutely controlled by condition in the subordinate Lodge. There can be no sound reason for a Lodge being permitted to name a sum which a member must pay into its treasury to qualify him for application for membership in an Encampment, a body in which not one in every six making the law naming the sum feels any interest whatever. Financially, the Encampment is a distinct and independent organization, responsible to its own head, and I cannot see either the justice or wisdom of a Lodge saying to its members, if you desire to become a member of an Encampment you must pay us (in many instances) more to gain permission to apply for membership in that body than you paid for membership in this, and then you must pay the Encampment a sum probably still higher than you paid us at the beginning, to gain membership there, and no matter how long the brother has been an Odd Fellow unless he had previously taken the degrees, it will require three months before he can be prepared even for pay. Can it be wisdom to interpose such restrictions on any man desirous of uniting with an association which we gravely tell him it will be for his interest to belong?

"The Order has the family of man from which to fill its ranks, with two weeks only intervening from the time of proposition until admission, and at a rate within the reach of every proper person; four months from initiation must elapse before, under any circumstances, an application for admission to the higher Order can be entertained.

"After all this expense and delay, and after he has become a Patriarch, how very precarious is his position. An offence, real or imaginary, in his Lodge, which may bring suspension, justly or unjustly, no matter how respected he may be in his Encampment, its doors are closed against him until the Subordinate or the Grand Lodge issues the mandate to re-open them. Should a member from any circumstances be suspended for non-payment of dues in the Lodge, its fiat suspends him in the Encampment, even should his dues be over paid. Contrary to all this is the powers of the Encampment; suspension, whether for non-payment or offence there, does not affect his standing in his Lodge, and by no parity of reasoning, nor by any rule of justice, should his status in the Lodge impair his standing in the Encampment.

"The existence of laws creating this unequal power between the two sections of the Order, could not have been foreseen at the beginning, nor could the results which have followed been anticipated, yet, it undoubtedly has been the cause in

a large measure of the disparity in numbers which has been looked upon as so remarkable, and from it there has grown up the multiplicity of organizations with purposes professedly similar to ours, as we may see by the wholesale adoption of the laws which have been made for our government. No doubt many have heard the argument advanced to the initiate by some rival, that he could unite himself with some other institution for less money than it would cost for the Degrees—the dues were lower than in the Encampment, and the benefits as high—there is no need of delay for the degrees, and whatever may happen in the Lodge it will not affect your standing, or your interest, as it would in the Encampment; it is by such arguments that thousands have been led away, and there is so much of truth in what is told, that it cannot be gainsayed, nor the impression removed.

"By the short-sightedness of making no effort to remove some of the obstructions to ingress to the Encampments an unhealthy competition and divided interest have been the result, instead of the affections of the membership being concentrated in Odd Fellowship, the first, and still the best of all social beneficial organizations. There was a time when legislation would have established the Order on a rock; when the affections of its members would have been concentrated on its principles, and their faith strong in its promises in every time of need, and when there would have been less cause to complain that any of its members viewed it as simply a beneficial society, requiring nothing more than regularity in the payment of dues.

"In our jurisdiction there are about ninety-five thousand Odd Fellows, and only about fifteen thousand Patriarchs, that is, about one in six are full Odd Fellows; the rest are yet in the primary school, therefore we can no more hope to see the full fruition of Odd Fellowship exhibited in the lives of its members, than we can see in a nation the learning of the higher schools where none exist—we can but see in the people the learning of the tyro whose education ended at the beginning. Adverse as the condition is, we should not fold our hands and wait "for the good time coming;" wrong never destroys itself, it can only be removed by searching for a remedy, to establish the right. As there has heretofore been no open conflict between the different divisions, no issue raised, no remedy refused, and as the one would lose little, and the other gain much by a change in existing relations, it seems more than probable, that to present the case as it is, that a change so obviously mutually advantageous would be sufficient to secure the remedy; should this not succeed, let the never failing power of agitation be put in motion and the change will come.

"After a patient and careful investigation of existing causes of the disparity in membership between Lodges and Encampments, I am convinced that under our present laws there is little hope of a nearer approach to a reasonable equality in numbers.. Forty years' experience has proved that the advantages men derive from full connection with the Order are not sufficient inducement to lead to a participation in them. If the true value was understood, the time of waiting and the cost of admission would be moderate, but as it evidently is not, the doors should be opened wider, by removing all unnecessary restrictions, whether in time or money; and as the interests of men and the Subordinate Lodges are so interwoven with that of the Encampment, it appears improbable that the legislators of the Order, national and local, with whom the remedy is, would refuse to make such changes in the matters suggested as would, beyond all doubt, be advantageous to all interested, but as the power to grant the remedy, by making necessary changes in the laws, if beyond the authority of this Grand Body, the most it can do legitimately is to adopt such measures as may bring the subject before those bodies in whom the power is vested.

"While I have pointed to some of the obstructions in the path of our progress which we have not the direct power of removing, there are others of lesser magnitude, which, by the moving of a hand, we can ourselves take out of the way, and as evidence of our sincerity, and a desire for relief, we should show that we are willing to help ourselves when within our power. I refer to the fee which

many of our Encampments have adopted as the price of admission. By law the fee cannot be less than two dollars for each degree, while many subordinates have doubled or tripled the amount. Such a law is the germ of self-destruction, and dissolution is but a question of time. Our English brethren, after experience, have outlived the delusion that the treasury can be benefited, or that better men can be secured by a high initiation fee, and the sooner we profit by their experience, and follow their example, the more healthy will our body become. Have the members of our Encampments ever investigated how little they gain, or how much they lose by charging say \$12.00 for admission? The \$6.00 extra which the Encampment gets, when invested, will yield in interest 36 cents per annum, while one additional member will pay at least \$5.20. For every man who will pay \$12.00 three will join at \$6.00. Some say that the Encampment is worth all that is charged. I admit that its value to the faithful member cannot be estimated by the entrance fee, but it is a duty we owe to our fellow-men, to lead them into associations where they can be benefited, and a small money charge is always a potent argument. Those who have *entered* know its value, but money should not close the door against those who are without, and who know it not. A quarter of a cent additional weekly dues will add more to the treasury of nineteen in every twenty Encampments, than all they can make on any addition to the entrance fee over the constitutional sum named.

"Let any Encampment try \$6.00 instead of a higher amount, and every member will wonder at the previous blindness to their own interests and the delay in making the change.

"Practical men have ceased to believe that Odd Fellowship can be maintained solely by its high moral principles. Experience has proved that when the treasury becomes empty, the organization lingers and ultimately ceases. It is the anticipation of benefits in time of need, and the certainty of their payment, that cements the organization. Unquestionably this was not foreseen as at present existing, in the early history of the Order, else the dues would have by a general law been established on juster and more equitable principles. A man of 21 would not have been charged weekly an insurance on his health and life the same sum as one twice his age, because after all, weekly dues are but insurance against the contingencies of health and life. Our statistics prove that as age increases death is nearer, and sickness more frequent. To change this law at this time is impossible, but even without it, there is a remedy which requires but energy on the part of members to successfully apply, and this is a continuous influx of new and young members, so that the average age of the entire membership may be kept at a low rate, thereby reducing the risk of sickness and death.

"While there are many important changes within the power of Subordinate Bodies themselves, and which no doubt will be made as they become apparent, if those greater obstructions to progress which can only be removed by supreme and other legislation were taken out of the way, and a fair field for energy and its consequent success were opened to the Patriarchal Order, a very different condition of affairs would be the result. What is required, and what our existence in a healthy condition demands, are some important changes which could not possibly be injurious, but of unspeakable advantage.

"First. The Grand Lodge of the United States should reduce the Degrees from five to three.

"Second. A change of the law which makes Patriarchal standing dependent on the action of the Subordinate Lodge.

"Third. Grand Lodges should reduce the cost of the Degrees to a nominal sum not to be exceeded by the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge.

"Fourth. The Grand Encampment should reduce the Initiation fee, and Subordinate Encampments be forbidden to increase the amount.

"This Grand Encampment should instruct its Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States to advocate in that Body the changes above recommended."

In the further discharge of their duty the undersigned respectfully beg leave to submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the foregoing be referred to a special committee of five to consider and report upon the expediency of adopting and legislating upon the subjects suggested, and to report such further action as may be necessary for the good of the Order.

CHARLES N. HICKOK,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,  
*Representatives.*

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; MILLER, of Rhode Island; THOMPSON, of Missouri; McDANEL, of Delaware; HASKINS, of New York.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

WHEREAS, it appears from the report of the Grand Treasurer in 1876, page 6925 of Journal, and also from the report of the Committee of Finance in same Journal, page 7027, that the aggregate diminution of assets since 1873 has been \$14,035.55, notwithstanding the high prices charged by the Grand Lodge for supplies;

AND WHEREAS, the Committee on Finance call attention to the fact that, "should these deficits continue to occur, the surplus will soon be entirely absorbed, and the Grand Body will be on the road to financial distress, if not to bankruptcy;" and they further declare that "the matter of representation enters more largely than any other into the expenses of this Body," and "that our expenses are yearly increasing;"

AND WHEREAS, the published Journals of the Grand Lodge confirm the truth of these statements, and show that, up to the year 1864, the *per diem* of representatives was \$3, and payment was made only for the days on which sessions of the Grand Lodge were held; and that in 1864 the *per diem* was raised to \$4, and in 1865 it was raised to \$5, and in 1867 it was raised to \$6, and in 1869 the *per diem*, \$6, and seven days' pay, were voted for a six days' session; and furthermore, it was voted that both the *per diem* and mileage of that session should be paid in *gold*, for which the Treasurer's report says a premium was paid of \$6469.08; and it further appears that from 1869 to the present time, with but one exception (1870), *per diem* has been paid for seven days when the Grand Lodge held sessions on six days only, the pay for Sunday (or the extra day), on which no sessions were held, having cost the treasury \$5608.

Upon four occasions *per diem* and mileage have been paid to Past Grand Sires, viz: in 1871, 1874 1875 and 1876, the total amount paid to Past Grand Sires being \$3048.70.

Moreover, the Journals show that in 1862 four cents per mile was deemed sufficient for mileage, but that in 1863 the allowance was increased to *five cents*, and has remained at that figure ever since.

During the past twelve years there has been paid for mileage and *per diem* by the Treasurer of this Grand Lodge the handsome sum of \$193,273.50, as follows:

\*Paid in gold.

The above table shows that had the *per diem* remained at the rate fixed in 1864 (\$4), there would have been saved to the treasury the sum of \$18,822; and had the pay been only for the days on which sessions were held, there would have been saved to the treasury the sum of \$5,608.

And had the Representatives in 1869 received their pay in *legal tender notes of the government*, which were then and are now the money that a large majority of the Lodges receive as dues and pay for benefits, there would have been saved

to the treasury, according to the Treasurer's report, \$6,469.08, which several sums amount to \$30,899.08, which has been paid, for *per diem* and mileage in excess of the compensation that was deemed sufficient in 1864; and had the *mileage* been retained at the rate fixed in 1861 and 1862, (four cents), there would have been saved from that item \$26,875.16, and the treasury of the Grand Lodge would have \$57,774.24 more than is now held, and the Finance Committee would have no fears of bankruptcy. It will be noticed that the *Sunday pay to Representatives* amounts to \$2,559 30 more than the whole amount of *per diem* and mileage voted to the *Past Grand Sires*;

AND WHEREAS, The foregoing statement compiled from the journals of this Grand Lodge, confirms fully the statement of the Finance Committee "that the matter of *representation* enters more largely than any other into the expenses of this Body;"

AND WHEREAS, The depressed condition of the financial and business affairs of the country, and the large number of Odd Fellows out of employment, or only partially employed, renders it inexpedient to further tax the Brotherhood, but, on the contrary, the prices of supplies should, if possible, be reduced;

AND WHEREAS, The cost of travel and charges for hotel accommodations are now no greater, and, in many cases, less than in 1864, therefore,

*Resolved*, That the *per diem* be \$1.00, and the mileage for actual and necessary travel to and from the meetings of the Grand Lodge, be *four cents per mile*, and that *per diem* shall be paid for no more days than the Grand Lodge shall be in session.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Mileage and *per diem* be requested to prepare the usual tabular report of mileage in accordance with the above, and also the number of days, and report the same on the day of final adjournment.

*Resolved*, That the foregoing preamble, statement and resolutions be referred to the Committee on Finance for examination and consideration of the subject-matters therein contained, and that they report their views to the Grand Lodge for action thereon.

Rep. DODGE, of Rhode Island, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BARRY, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. MCKINNEY, of Texas, moved the following:

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Encampment of the State of Texas was destroyed by fire at the late conflagration that occurred in the city of Galveston, in that State;

*Resolved*, That a duplicate Charter be issued to the Grand Encampment of Texas.

Which was adopted.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following:

WHEREAS, The Charter of the Grand Lodge of the State of Texas has been destroyed by fire,

*Resolved*, That the same be substituted by the Grand C. and R. Secretary.

Which was adopted.

Rep. RODOLF, of Wisconsin, submitted the following, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee:

GRAND SECRETARY'S OFFICE, JURISDICTION OF WISCONSIN,  
MADISON, September 10, 1877.

[EXTRACT.]

P. G. M. HUBBARD, of No. 55, submitted the following:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:*

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has in its treasury certain funds now known as the "Educational Fund," formerly called the "Orphan Asylum Fund;" and

WHEREAS, this Grand Lodge has not been able to use the said fund for the charitable purpose for which it was originally intended, and as the Lodges have discontinued their contributions to said fund; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the moneys constituting the educational fund be, on or before the first day of July, A. D. 1877, refunded to the widows' and orphans' fund of the Subordinate Lodges from which the same was received.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be instructed to make, or cause to be made, an account and report of the sums of money received from each Subordinate Lodge for said fund, and place the same in the hands of the Grand Treasurer, on or before the first day of June, A. D. 1877, and that the expense of making said report be paid out of the accrued interest of said fund.

*Resolved*, That upon the receipt of said report by the Grand Treasurer, he shall pay over to the several Lodges the amounts reported to have been paid by them, together with the unexpended interest thereon, he taking their receipt for the same, which shall be his voucher to this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That if any Lodges have become extinct which have contributed to this fund, the sum so contributed shall be held by this Grand Lodge as a charity fund, to be used at its discretion.

Referred to Committee on Schools and Asylums.

P. G. M. LINDSLEY, from the Committee on Schools and Asylums, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin:*

Your Committee on Schools and Asylums, to whom was referred the resolution of P. G. Rep. HUBBARD, providing that the moneys constituting the educational fund, etc., be returned to the widows' and orphans' fund of the Subordinate Lodges from which the same was received, have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that the law creating said fund reads as follows, viz:

"*Resolved*, That it is the duty of the Order in this jurisdiction to provide a Home for the shelter, maintenance and education of the orphaned children of its members:

"*Resolved*, That in furtherance of that end an annual tax of ten cents be laid upon each member of all lodges in this jurisdiction."

See Wisconsin Digest, page 67, Journal, 1868.

In 1869 the tax was declared to be *constitutional*. See same, page 68.

Continued again in 1870. See same, page 68.

December, 1875, the law was repealed.

uch, in brief, is the history of it, as appears from the Grand Lodge Journals. The law having been complied with, and the fund created, it is not within the power of this Grand Body to change or divert the use or application of the fund. Your committee would, however, suggest that, in their opinion, the object of the resolutions might possibly be attained by obtaining the consent of a majority of the Lodges contributing to said fund, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Representatives be instructed to lay the law and the facts in the case, before the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of the United States at its next session, and procure their opinion as to the legality of the proposed distribution of the fund.

Which resolution was adopted.

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of the proceedings of said Grand Lodge of Wisconsin on that subject.

In testimony whereof, I hereto set my hand and the seal of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

L. B. HILLS, *Grand Secretary.*

Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, as specially instructed by the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, 1. That the wives of all Odd Fellows in good standing are hereby declared to be eligible to membership in Rebekah Degree Lodges in the same manner as to application, reference to committee of investigation and balloting, as in the case of application for initiation in Subordinate Lodges, and that Rebekah Degree Lodges may establish an initiation fee, provided the same shall not be less than two dollars.

2. That hereafter the only qualifications to office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be: First, such member shall be an actual contributing member in good standing in such Lodge. Second, no member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand, unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

3. That the A. T. P. W. and the T. P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge shall not be applicable to or used in a Rebekah Degree Lodge from and after the first day of January next.

Rep. SPATES, of West Virginia, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That a select committee of five be appointed to ascertain and report what alterations would be required to be made in the Seal of this Grand Body, the stereotyped plates now on hand, and in any other respect, and the estimated cost of making such alterations, in the event of the proposition to change the name of this Grand Lodge being adopted the present session. Also, what legislation, and the probable cost thereof, would be required to confirm said change of name in our act of incorporation. Said committee to report to-morrow, or as soon thereafter as convenient.

The Chair appointed the following as the committee:

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario; Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire; Reps. LEECH, of Iowa; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; STEBBINS, of New York.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

WHEREAS, It is believed that the expenses of the Grand Lodge may be reduced by a modification of the By-Law creating the Committee on Printing Supplies, without, in any way, affecting the efficiency of the said committee or the interests of the Grand Lodge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Article XXVIII, of the By-Laws, be amended by striking out the first section thereof and inserting the following:

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at each annual session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies to consist of five members, including the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer; the three members to be appointed shall be selected from the Representatives from Maryland and contiguous jurisdictions.

Rep. BETTON, of Kansas, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, It being a well-established fact that our system of dues and sick benefits is an inheritance and not a creation, and has ever been regulated by the Grand Lodges of the several jurisdictions, and not by this Grand Body (varying widely in the *per capita* amounts collected and disbursed), and recognizing as we do, that the obligation of our Order to provide for its widows and orphans, is even more sacred than the contract to pay brothers a stipulated sum weekly while sick; also, fully realizing that such contract does not inure to our helpless widows and orphans, but ceases at the grave, leaving them solely dependent upon the precarious, and oft-times totally inadequate Widows' and Orphans' fund; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That this Grand Body recognizes the right of the several Grand Lodges to create a Widows' and Orphans' endowment in the form of a tax upon their Subordinate Lodges, to be collected and paid upon the death of each member in good standing.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the several Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge be requested to cause their reports, when presented, to be signed by one only of their number.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, with directions to distribute the various matters contained therein to appropriate committees, respectfully beg leave to recommend:

That so much of the report as refers to warrants issued and special commissions and Lodges in Washington Territory be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That decision No. 1 and so much as relates to maps, charts, etc., be referred to the Committee on the State of the Order.

That decisions numbered 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 be referred to the Judiciary Committee.

That so much as relates to finances and infringement of copyright be referred to the Committee on Finance.

That so much as relates to the report of special committees on securing the friendly interest of the United States Minister at Berlin, to Foreign Countries,

to Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., England, to the Netherlands, to Asia, to Australia and New Zealand, to Peru, to England, to other Foreign Countries and Foreign Correspondence, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to the history of the first decade be referred to the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship.

That so much as refers to journals and periodicals be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to the death of Bro. WILLIAM ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, be referred to a special committee of five to draft resolutions expressive of the sense of the Grand Lodge upon the loss sustained by the decease of so eminent and worthy an Odd Fellow.

Fraternally submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, FRED. D. STUART,  
M. J. DURHAM.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day be suspended, which was agreed to, and the report was considered and adopted.

The Chair appointed the following Special Committee:

*On the death of Wm. Ellison, P. G. Sire.*—Bro. STUART, P. G. Sire, and the Representatives from Massachusetts.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the same committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee to whom was referred the report of the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with instructions to distribute the same to appropriate committees, beg leave to recommend:

That so much of the report as relates to the "General Correspondence" of the office, be referred to the Committee on Correspondence.

That so much as relates to an Odd Fellows' Home at Jacksonville, Florida, be referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business.

That so much as relates to the "Foreign Correspondence," and the various subjects embraced therein, (p. 7226 to 7253, and 7275 to 7279) and the matter of supplies for the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

That so much as relates to the Degree of Rebekah, be referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah.

That so much as relates to "Warrants issued," be referred to the Committee on Petitions.

That so much as relates to Subordinate Reports and "Reports of Grand Bodies," be referred to the Committee on Returns.

That so much as relates to "Digest" be referred to Committee on Printing Supplies.

That so much as relates to new standing Committee on Property be referred to the Legislative Committee.

That so much as relates to additional index to Journal, to report of Grand Treasurer in 1876, to Finances, to furnishing new office, to printing Ritual in Spanish, to printing vols. V and VI of Journal, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

The Committee cannot refrain from expressing its admiration of the wonderful ability displayed in the report. The conclusion should be read in every Lodge room in the world, and be studied by every Odd Fellow. Clear, compact and

filled with spiritual force and intellectual power, it breathes in every line the genius of Odd Fellowship. Did not Bro. JAMES L. RIDGLEY possess ten thousand titles to the gratitude and love of a great Brotherhood, the admirable paper under consideration would preserve his name as long as the Order continues its efforts for the advancement of the human race.

All of which is fraternally submitted by

JAMES B. NICHOLSON, FRED. D. STUART,  
M. J. DURHAM.

Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, from the Committee on Unfinished Business, made the following report, when on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day was suspended and the report was considered and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Unfinished Business of last session beg leave to report that on a careful examination of the printed Journal, we find the following subjects were referred as per report of the Committee on Distribution, page 6935, viz : Infringement of copyright, (Grand Sire's report, page 6751,) referred to Committee on Finance. No report.

Page 6752. The decision of the Grand Sire on an appeal from the decision of the Grand Master of Tennessee, referred to Committee on Appeals. No report.

Annual Reports, (Grand Secretary's Report, page 6800,) referred to the Legislative Committee. No report.

Clearance cards, (Grand Secretary's Report, page 6804), referred to Judiciary Committee. No report.

We also find the following requiring further consideration :

Page 6931. Resolution of Rep. McLEAN, of District of Columbia, referred to Judiciary Committee. No report.

Page 6928. Petition of St. John's Lodge, No. 62, of Chicopee, Mass., for a uniform cap. Consideration postponed to this session, page 7009.

Page 6947. Extract from Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, presented by Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, and referred to Judiciary Committee. No report.

Page 7034. Report of the Committee on History of the Order, consideration postponed to this session, page 7080.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Page 7004, amendment to Article XVII.

Page 7005, amendment to Article XII.

Page 7005, amendment to Article II.

Page 7056, amendment to Article XII.

Page 7057, amendment to Article XVII.

Page 7073, amendment to Article I.

Special committees to report at this session :

Page 7005. To report an amended form to regulate processions. Rep. GIVEN, of District of Columbia, Chairman.

Page 7006. On the establishment of the Order in Europe. P. G. Sire STUART, Chairman.

Page 7010. On dues and benefits. D. Grand Sire HARMON, Chairman.

Page 7061. On regalia or costume to be worn on public occasions by members of the Patriarchal Department of the Order, who may not wish to appear in the uniform now authorized. Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, Chairman.

Page 7091. To report a suitable street dress for members of Subordinate Lodges. Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, Chairman.

Page 7091. On the translation of the ritual into French, Bohemian and other languages. Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, Chairman.

Page 7091. To prepare a plan of representation and taxation, and report an amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution. Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, Chairman.

Your committee would respectfully recommend, that the infringement of copyright, Grand Sire's report, page 6751, be referred to the Committee on Finance: That the decision of the Grand Sire in the case of the Grand Master of Tennessee, page 6752, be referred to the Appeal Committee, No. 2.

That the subject of Annual Reports, referred to in the Grand Secretary's report, page 6800, and the petition of St. John's Lodge, No. 62, page 6928, be referred to the Legislative Committee. That the subject of clearance cards, Grand Secretary's report, page 6804, the resolution of Rep. McLEAN, page 6931, and the extract from the Journal of Grand Lodge of Illinois, page 6947, be referred to the Judiciary Committee. That the report of the Committee on History of the Order, page 7034, and the amendments to the Constitution, be considered as they appear on the Journal.

Respectfully submitted,

C. H. RAWLINGS, JAMES V. JONES,  
JOHN H. ROSLER, W. G. DYE,  
LUKE M. HAVENS, E. ST. JOHN.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Printing Supplies respectfully report that they organized immediately after the adjournment of the Grand Lodge, September 23, 1876, by the election of JOHN M. JONES, of Maryland, Chairman, and THEODORE A. Ross, Secretary

The Revised Journal of 1876, contracted for by the former committee, was delivered during the month of January, 1877. The book contains 530 pages, exceeding by 18 pages the Journal of 1875, and an edition of 19,000 copies was printed. The entire cost of composition, plates, paper and all expenses attending the work, amounted to \$6,146.51—about 32½ cents per copy, two cents less than the Journal of 1875. In this calculation, the composition of the reports and Daily Journal, \$575.84, is not included, but the expense attending the transfer of the matter to the Revised Journal, and the necessary alterations, amounting to \$155.85, are of course estimated in the expense of the book.

Under the authority conferred by the legislation of 1875, the committee have contracted with Bro. Wm. H. DOUGAL, of Georgetown, D. C., for a new diploma plate, to cost \$1,600.00, the work to be completed by April 2, 1878.

During the year the following supplies have been furnished to the Grand Secretary, viz: 512 Charge Books, English; 258 Spanish; 510 Degree Books, English; 258 Spanish; 514 Rebekah Degree Books, English; 21,000 Odes; 59,500 Cards; 760 Diplomas; 250 Form Books; 1497 Funeral Service; 5 Bound Journals, Volume 6, (pamphlet copies bound,) and 514 Digests. The details of the distribution will be found in the tables accompanying the report of the Grand Secretary.

The committee have expended in payment of contracts for paper and printing of officers' reports, Daily and Revised Journals of session of 1876, and for the supplies heretofore mentioned, \$9,933.13.

The contract for printing the officers' reports and Revised Journal of this

session, was awarded to JOHN L. MURPHY, Trenton, New Jersey, and the Daily Journal to JAMES YOUNG, Baltimore. The paper required will be furnished by DOBLER, MUDGE & CHAPMAN, Baltimore.

The following resolutions are respectfully submitted:

*Resolved*, That a translation of the odes into the French language be procured, to be printed and sold at the same price as the odes now in use.

*Resolved*, That the odes as now prescribed be printed with suitable music, one or more tunes arranged for each ode, in such manner as the Committee on Printing Supplies may determine upon, and sold to Grand and Subordinate Bodies at a remunerative advance on the cost of the same.

*Resolved*, That in order to meet a demand that has arisen for a greater variety of odes and tunes in the Subordinate Lodges, that the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have prepared and printed a second series of odes with music for use in the Lodges, and the same be recognized and authorized by the Grand Lodge as part of the ceremonial of the Order.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and are hereby authorized to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN M. JONES, <i>Chairman</i> ,	WILLIAM R. McLEAN,
JAMES D. CLEAVER,	JAMES L. RIDGELY,
WILLIAM J. MILLER,	JOSHUA VANSANT,
JAMES B. NICHOLSON,	THEO. A. ROSS, <i>Secretary</i> .

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned were appointed at the last session (Journal, folio 7028,) a special committee under the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed to act during the recess, whose duty it shall be to prepare a plan of representation and taxation adapted to the growing wants and requirements of this Grand Body, and report the same to the next session thereof, to be then offered as an amendment to Article XIV of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge."

This resolution was not explicit as to the power of the committee in the recess. They were "to act during the recess," but they were not authorized to incur any expense, and in the absence of express authority on that point they were not called together until within a few days of this session, when the distant members from various causes could not attend. In the meantime they have given the subject individual attention, and in the short space allowed for consultation have agreed with great unanimity upon the following report. The resolution under which they have acted came from the Finance Committee. That committee were induced to submit the resolution upon a state of facts set forth in the following language:

"Your committee take this occasion to call the particular attention of the Representatives to the condition of our finances. For the past three years our expenditures have largely exceeded our receipts. To meet the several deficits the Grand Treasurer has been compelled to sell from time to time several thousands of dollars of our vested securities, materially lessening the amount of surplus funds, and should these deficits continue to occur, this surplus will soon be entirely absorbed, and the Grand Body will be on the road to financial distress, if not to bankruptcy.

"As a matter of comparison and for particular information we refer you to the following portion of the Grand Treasurer's report:

"In estimating the revenue of the Grand Lodge, and regulating the annual

expenses thereof, it is not safe, in a financial point of view, to assume that without some change in the items which produce revenue, or a curtailment of expenses, the revenue of the body will be equal to the demands upon its treasury. A comparison of the financial condition of the Lodge at the close of the fiscal years, 1873, 1874, 1875 and 1876, may render the subject, in that connection, intelligent to your R. W. Grand Body. For purposes of contrast, I have placed the United States bonds at their par value, because the fluctuation in their value has nothing to do with the financial management of the concern.

In 1873 ; cash balance, \$23,472.40 ; bonds, \$24,000 ; aggregate, \$47,472.40.

In 1874 ; cash balance, \$18,188.30 ; bonds, \$24,000 ; aggregate, \$42,188.30.

In 1875 ; cash balance, \$16,386.70 ; bonds, \$22,000 ; aggregate, \$38,386.70.

In 1876 ; cash balance, \$11,436.85 ; bonds, \$22,000 ; aggregate, \$33,436.85.

Showing that the aggregate diminution of assets since 1873 has been \$14,035.55, and the average annual decrease, \$4,678.52."

"Under this showing, and the fact that our expenses are yearly increasing, would it not be the part of wisdom and good financing to be very careful and discreet as to the manner of our donations and appropriations? And should we not, while still our finances hold out, make due effort in some direction, not only to restore what has been already drawn from our surplus, but to increase the same to a healthy amount?"

It will thus be seen that the object of the committee was to secure a system of finance that would secure this body against a contemplated insolvency.

In considering a subject of such magnitude, this committee have carefully compiled the history of this Grand Lodge in the several aspects of its financial system: 1st, Its schemes of revenue. 2d, Its membership and the basis of representation; and 3d, Its provisions for the payment of Grand Representatives. From a consideration of these, we shall be able to elucidate the true theory for the financial operations of this Supreme Body.

The Grand Lodge of Maryland, and of the United States, had no treasury separate from that of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The Grand Lodge of the United States was organized on the 25th of April, 1826, without a dollar in its treasury. At the first meeting a revenue was provided for, by fixing a rate of charges for charters and degrees. Afterwards a tax was imposed on subordinates of ten per cent. on their gross receipts.

The Encampment branch, which began on the 15th of May, 1827, was subordinate to the Grand Lodge of Maryland until January, 1832, and paid its per centage to that body up to that time.

On the first of May, 1828, Journal, folio 93, it was

*"Resolved,* That at each annual meeting of the Grand Lodge, it shall be the duty of the Representatives or proxies of each State, to estimate the current expenses of the ensuing year, and to draw on each State Grand Lodge for the same, which must be immediately paid, to enable the Grand Sire to pay the necessary and essential expenses that may occur; and that he keep a regular account of the same, and present it to the Grand Lodge at the Annual Communication."

The Constitution adopted at the May session, 1829, Article XXI, Journal, folio 101, provided that, "The several Grand Lodges shall pay an equal proportion of the expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States; they shall also pay the travelling expenses of their Representatives."

Article I, folio 100, provides for: "One Representative or proxy from each Grand Lodge."

On the 5th of September, 1831, Rep. RIDGELY, of Maryland, moved that a Grand Treasurer be selected. The motion was adopted, and WILLIAM HALL, P. G., of Maryland, elected, but the place was a sinecure, as Grand Sire WILDEY administered the finances, which consisted mainly of advancing money. On September 2, 1833, AUGUSTUS MATHIOT was elected Treasurer, and superseded WILDEY, who made his final report, in which he paid his own claims, and transferred to MATHIOT the cash balance, \$8.52.

In the Constitution of 4th of September, 1833, Journal, folio 150, we find :

ARTICLE X. "Each Grand Lodge having less than one thousand members shall be entitled to one vote, and each Grand Lodge having more than one thousand members, one additional vote."

ARTICLE XII. "The revenue of the Grand Lodge shall be as follows, viz : 1st. Fees for Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment Charters, \$30. 2d. Fees for Charters to Subordinate Lodges or Encampments working under its immediate jurisdiction, \$30. 3d. Dues from Subordinate Lodges or Encampments holding warrants from this Lodge 10 per cent. on its receipts. 4th. Dues from State District and Territorial Grand Lodges, viz : \$20 per annum for each vote it shall be entitled to in this Lodge."

To these of course must be added the receipts from the sale of supplies which gradually became the greatest feature in the revenue system.

Up to and including the session of 1848 the expenses of Representatives were paid by the State jurisdictions. In that year \$1,500 was paid to this Grand Lodge under the clause of \$20 per annum for each vote of a Grand Body. This fund had always been appropriated to the general expenses of the Grand Lodge of the United States. In 1848 it did not pay the salaries of the Grand Officers, which amounted to \$1,900.

In that year a revolution occurred in the finances : the proxy system had been abolished 21st September, 1843, Journal, folio 570, and this Grand Lodge entered upon a career of pecuniary prosperity.

The Grand Secretary (RIDGELEY) reports :

"The finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States are in a prosperous condition. With a large property on hand, a respectable permanent investment and a considerable outstanding indebtedness to her, she is comparatively free from debt. It may, therefore, in view of this exhibit of the finances of the Grand Lodge of the United States, be supposed that a reduction in the revenue ought to be made. I deem it my duty on this subject to remark, for the information of the Representatives, that the permanent fund of the Grand Lodge has arisen principally from the sales of the Revised Work and the Digest of Laws, and not from the ordinary sources of revenue ; that the charter and percentage fees from subordinates to this jurisdiction, which have heretofore formed a large source of revenue, will soon entirely cease." Journal 1844, folio 1223.

The Finance Committee represent the condition of the treasury September 22, 1848 :

To balance, cash, September 23, 1847.....	\$6,206 79
To cash paid by Secretary to Treasurer to September 20, 1848.....	9,896 42
	\$16,103 21
By amount paid out to September 20, 1848.....	11,803 72
Balance in Treasury.....	\$4,299 49

#### PERMANENT INVESTMENT.

64 shares Ohio 6 per cent. Stock, cost .....	\$6,017 00
Maryland State Stock.....	2,800 00

Whole amount.....\$8,817 00

The gross amount paid out during the year did not include one dollar paid for mileage or per diem for Grand Representatives.

Had such charges been allowed, they would have taken all the cash and stocks on hand and left the Grand Lodge utterly insolvent. For in the first table ever made of mileage and per diem (Journal, 1850, fol. 1578,) when 80 members were present, they were estimated at \$11,278.50. This was at Cincinnati for the year 1849. The session of 1848 was held at Baltimore with 79 members, and the mileage and per diem would not have been less than \$8,000.

Under such circumstances, with barely money enough to pay the expenses of the Grand Representatives, the Grand Lodge did not, for a moment, think them entitled to any consideration. The State Grand Lodges and Encampments had always paid their expenses, and no man had so far been bold enough to question the propriety of that policy. The Grand Lodge, in the opinion of its members, had no legitimate use for the permanent investment, and, therefore, we find that on the 25th day of December, in the same year, \$8,000, embracing the whole amount invested, was loaned to Grand Sire WILDEY, to relieve him from pecuniary embarrassment. (See Journal, 1848, fol. 1412.) It was secured at first by mortgage and judgment, and was to continue *during his life, and without interest*. Thus, by one stroke, the whole permanent fund was parted with, and, as will elsewhere appear, was not received back until 1862-3.

The 12th Article of the Constitution was amended at session of 1849, as follows: Journal, 1454—"The expenses of Representatives and officers (excepting those to whom stated salaries are given,) attending the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States, *shall be paid by the Grand Lodge.*"

Journal 1849, folio 1489, has the following:

"The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MARSHALL, of Kentucky, instructing the committee to prepare a law or system for carrying into effect the provisions of the amendment of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge to Article XII, by which the expenses of Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge are to be paid, beg leave to report that they know of no better system or law than that adopted by the Legislatures of the several States of the Union, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the pay of Representatives to and officers of this Body (excepting those to whom stated salaries are allowed) shall be three dollars per diem during their attendance upon the sessions of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

*Be it further resolved*, That in addition to the above, the said Representatives and officers shall also receive six cents for each mile travelled from their respective residences to the place of meeting of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and back again, the said mileage to be computed by the nearest mail route between said points.

*And be it further resolved*, That said per diem allowance and mileage shall be paid by the Grand Treasurer on the certificate of the Grand Secretary.

*And be it further resolved*, That to meet the payment of the said per diem allowance and mileage, the Grand Sire and the Grand Secretary shall make *an annual assessment* upon each State Grand Body, said assessment to be estimated *pro rata* upon the number of members of the Subordinate Lodges and Encampments of such State Grand Body respectively. Journal, 1849, folios 1490, 1497, 1498, 1509, 1510.

Though the letter of the constitutional amendment provided for payment by the Grand Lodge, yet in fact it was only a more convenient device to collect the money from the Grand Subordinates. It had never as yet been seriously proposed to pay the Representatives in any other manner but by the contributions of their constituents, and this new method only shifted the *onus of its collection* from the Representative to the Grand Lodge itself.

Accordingly, the assessment was made as follows:

Grand Lodge of Maryland.....	\$537 00
" Massachusetts .....	742 56 $\frac{1}{4}$
" S. New York.....	1,449 50
" Pennsylvania.....	2,079 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
" District of Columbia.....	76 00
" Delaware.....	90 43 $\frac{3}{4}$
" Ohio.....	596 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
" Louisiana .....	113 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
" New Jersey.....	446 12 $\frac{1}{2}$

Grand Lodge of Kentucky.....	\$172 56 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Virginia.....	306 00
"    Indiana.....	177 25
"    Mississippi.....	90 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Missouri.....	120 75
"    Illinois.....	157 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Connecticut.....	371 56 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Tennessee.....	137 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Texas.....	8 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    South Carolina.....	103 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Alabama.....	85 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    North Carolina.....	63 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Georgia.....	121 31 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Maine.....	367 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Rhode Island.....	96 06 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    New Hampshire.....	150 00
"    Michigan.....	171 43 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Wisconsin.....	113 06 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Vermont.....	52 56 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Iowa.....	44 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Arkansas.....	9 00
"    N. New York.....	1,035 50
	<hr/> \$10,087 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
Grand Encampment of Maryland.....	\$68 75
"    Massachusetts.....	97 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    S. New York.....	62 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Pennsylvania.....	280 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Dist. of Columbia.....	20 68 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Delaware.....	10 00
"    Ohio.....	97 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Louisiana.....	24 31 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    New Jersey.....	48 75
"    Kentucky.....	33 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Virginia.....	39 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Indiana.....	21 25
"    Mississippi.....	13 06 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Missouri.....	17 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Connecticut.....	36 37 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    Tennessee.....	19 62 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    South Carolina.....	11 81 $\frac{1}{4}$
"    Alabama.....	10 00
"    North Carolina.....	11 43 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Georgia.....	21 50
"    Maine.....	40 75
"    Rhode Island.....	23 00
"    New Hampshire.....	22 18 $\frac{3}{4}$
"    Michigan.....	19 25
"    Wisconsin.....	9 87 $\frac{1}{2}$
"    N. New York.....	127 75
	<hr/> \$1,189 12 $\frac{1}{2}$
Total.....	\$11,276 50

It seems that the Subordinate Grand Bodies were indignant and rebellious under what they considered an oppressive and excessive burden of taxation. The Grand Secretary says, Journal, 1850, folio 1579: "Circulars were issued from this office in February last to each of the State Grand Bodies, accompanied with a bill of the assessment levied upon them respectively. To this, the under-

signed regrets to say that an obedient response has not been received in some instances, and resolutions adopted by some of the State Grand Bodies adverse to its payment have been returned, copies of which are herewith reported."

The protests of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Maryland, will be found in Journal, 1850, folios 1624-1625. (See important report on these protests, and the general dissatisfaction, folios 1656, 1657).

The firm stand was assumed that the assessment should be enforced. (See Grand Sire GRIFFIN's report, Journal, 1850, folio 1569). He refers again more fully to the matter in his report of 1851, folio 1687-8. The obnoxious law had been repealed, but every assessment under it had been enforced. He says: "At the session of 1849, the new plan of compensating the members of your body out of the general treasury was adopted, and the means were provided for, by ordering an assessment on the several local Grand Bodies, to be levied in due proportions. This wide deviation from the previous and apparently settled policy of the Grand Lodge of the United States was received with disapprobation by the local Grand Bodies, and it is presumable by their constituencies. The effect of the non-payment of the assessments was disastrous in the extreme to your treasury. The Grand Lodge of the United States had assumed the obligation of defraying the expenses of Representatives, and it was not for her to shrink from the emergency. The treasury was equal only to a fraction of the demand. The Grand Lodge, true to herself and to the law, authorized the Grand Officers to sell her property. Under this authority I disposed of bonds of the State of Ohio to the amount of \$6,000, and the sale, being made upon the spur of the occasion, necessarily involved a sacrifice. Thus in a single day, by the unwarranted delays of local Grand Bodies, the accumulated savings of many years were scattered, and the Grand Lodge of the United States, from a position of proud independence, was reduced to the verge of insolvency. The assessment law being repealed, it became the duty of the Finance Committee to devise other ways and means for the payment of Representatives' expenses in future.

"Careful reflection has convinced me that the old arrangement for the payment of Representatives by the bodies from which they came was peculiarly suited to our polity. The change has been unfortunate in every particular, and when you shall consider the question of your finances, I respectfully invite your special attention to the propriety of returning to the former plan."

But no change has ever been made, and from that time this Grand Lodge has paid out of its ordinary revenues, and what is called "the representative tax," all the claims of the Grand Representatives. This entailed an expense of \$8,079.30 at the session of 1851 for an item which never before had been recognized by this body. That sum has been increasing annually ever since, and at the last session amounted to \$19,328.60. To which add \$1,224.50, paid P. G. Sires, making in all \$20,553.10. See 1876, folios 6989, 7072.

It may be added that of \$41,001.35, estimated for the expenses of the year 1876-7, \$20,000 was set down to mileage and per diem, and \$379.20 for same to Committee on Printing Supplies, making \$20,379.20 to an account which did not exist for twenty-five years of our history.

We have stated that \$20 was demanded of each Grand Body for each vote it had in this Grand Lodge. Constitution of 1833, Article XII. This fund was used only to pay the general expenses. But in 1849 (folio 1522) it was

"Resolved, That the Representative tax assessed by Article XII, Section 4, be and is hereby ordered to be hereafter appropriated towards the payment of expenses of Representatives as provided for in the amendment to Article XII, adopted at this session."

We have seen that this amounted in that year to only \$1,500. This tax was increased to \$50 in 1851, folios 1762-3, and to \$75 in 1857, folio 2760.

The Constitution of 1854, folio 2371, &c., did not materially alter any of the provisions hereinbefore recited.

The Representative tax, even at the present rate, amounted in 1875-6 only to

the sum of \$10,875, leaving the balance of \$9,333 to be paid out of the current revenue.

This is a fair representation of the deficiency which is to be made up every year.

But there is one marked feature of expense which is worthy of especial mention. By a standing resolution each Grand Representative is entitled, free of cost, to a copy of the bound Journals, Digest and Form Book. This item at the last session amounted to \$1,285.10, and may be put down in round numbers at about \$1,000 per annum. This arises from the fact that about fifty new Representatives appear at each session who are furnished these supplies, when in all fairness the books once furnished should belong in succession to incoming members. Why these books should be given away is not very clear, especially as by so doing a vital injury is done by lessening and almost destroying the sale of the remainder. But the estimate of \$1,000 per annum is based only on cost prices and does not include use of plates or the cost of preparing digests, so that the sum in this way donated is very much above our estimate.

This brings us to the great feature of the report of the Finance Committee, the apprehended bankruptcy of this Grand Lodge.

A brief review of our financial history since 1857, will shed light on that question. In that year we borrowed \$3,744.50; in 1858, \$3,250; in 1859, \$3,100, and so continued until 1863, when we realized \$6,089 as the balance due from WILDEY's estate, loaned him in 1848. The residue, including \$1,000 received from that estate the previous year, was consumed in expenses. With the WILDEY money U. S. Bonds to amount of \$6,000 were purchased, the beginning of the present invested fund. Of this, \$2,000 were spent in the increased expenses of the session in California in 1869. At that time we had invested in bonds \$10,000, which left us \$8,000 in 1870. In that year we had a greater revenue than in any previous year of our history, and by the very large receipts of several successive years, our permanent investment rose in 1873 to \$24,000. This may be accounted for as in 1847-8. At that time the extraordinary fund arose from the sale of the new work after the revision of 1845; in the latter, it rose from the revision of 1872-3. Thus it appears that ordinary sources of revenue never yield a surplus for investment and are not intended for that purpose. It is and has always been our policy to provide for the expenses of this body by temporary expedients, upon the principle that in some way they must be paid by the Order at large. It follows then that there can be no bankruptcy so long as the 14th Article of the Constitution gives us control of an exhaustless revenue.

The Finance Committee of last session gave only a partial report of the condition of the treasury. The Treasurer's report alone was relied upon, and no account was taken of the report of the Grand Secretary. The reasoning then was not based upon all the facts. Indeed, we have been able to find no proper report of our condition since 1863, when that committee estimated an item of supplies on hand of \$12,078.65. The true condition of our affairs last year was as follows;

#### ASSETS GRAND LODGE OF UNITED STATES, 31ST AUGUST, 1876.

Cash on hand.....	\$11,436 85
Dues rated as cash (since paid).....	7,759 86
Available cash assets .....	\$19,196 71

#### CASH INVESTMENTS.

U. S. Bonds bearing interest.....	\$22,000 00
Total cash.....	\$41,196 71

PROPERTY ON HAND (AVAILABLE).	
Supplies at cost.....	\$8,169 14
Available assets.....	\$49,365 85
PROPERTY ON HAND (NOT AVAILABLE).	
Fire-Proof Vault and Office.....	\$3,206 52
Furniture and Fixtures.....	5,690 00
Plates in use .....	6,103 48
	\$15,000 00
Gross amount of assets.....	\$64,365 85

This greatly differs from any previous showing, but is, nevertheless, correct. The difference arises from a confusion of accounts. First, the Treasurer not only reports the cash received and paid out by him, but, in the absence of a report of ways and means, gives us also a report of probable balances or deficits for the next year, and suggests the methods by which such exigencies should be met. He also embraces comparisons and estimates of revenue and expenses along with his current account. That these are of great value there can be no doubt, but in this mingled form they cannot but confuse our ideas. The Treasurer has no connection with the mercantile accounts; that is the domain of the Grand Secretary. The Finance Committee can alone look into both accounts, and give the true state of the treasury. And on this account they alone can estimate the budget for the next year, not forgetting that they are *estimates and only estimates*. Who could discover, from any report of last year, that we had nearly \$50,000 available cash in the treasury *and no debts*?

The explanation of our constantly borrowing money or selling bonds, lies in the fact that the expenses of each annual session must be met at the beginning of the fiscal year. For instance, we may have \$15,000 cash on hand, and the revenue of the year may be \$40,000, yet as of this only \$10,000 can be collected in time to meet those expenses, say of \$30,000, there must be an apparent deficit of \$5,000. But it is no deficit. It is simply incurring a debt the Grand Lodge has ample means to pay a few months later. Therefore, when it borrows the money to pay, it is only getting credit until it can collect and pay out of its own existing resources. It is true that for several years the expenses have exceeded the revenue, but what of that, if we have an ample treasury?

In this connection, we endorse in general the views of the R. W. Grand Secretary. Our researches have convinced us of the soundness of his judgment on the subject of our finances.

Yet it does not follow that we should not economize. Our permanent cash investment will fall to \$15,500 this year, with a probability of falling to \$10,500 next year. We should, therefore, reduce our expenses, and keep at least a portion of our surplus as a contingent fund. This can be done by reducing the expenses of printing and of Grand Representatives. By reducing the Journal to 300 pages or less, which may easily be done, and by giving to each Grand Representative 10 instead of 15 copies (as now) of the daily Journal and Grand Officers' reports, it would save, in paper alone, nearly \$2,000. If the Grand Representatives had, at last session, been paid \$5.00 per diem instead of \$6.00, there would have been a saving of \$1,116. If the mileage had been eight instead of ten cents, (counting one way), that item would have been less by \$2,771.22. If the Grand Representatives had not received the Journal, Digest and Form Books free, it would have saved \$1,006.

#### RECAPITULATION.

Saved on Printing.....	\$2,000 00
" per diem .....	1,116 00
" Mileage.....	2,771 22
" Journals, &c.....	1,006 00
Annual saving in all.....	\$6,893 22

This committee was required to report an amendment to the 14th Article of the Constitution, which, in their opinion, needs no amendment. It is the Revenue Article, and while imposing a Representative tax, does not, like the 9th Article, fix the basis and ratio of representation. We do not think the Representative tax should be increased; it is arbitrary and unequal, and cannot be moulded to suit the varying expenses of mileage and per diem. Amendments to our Constitution seldom meet with favor, as appears by our records. But as the basis of representation was fixed in 1833, when we had an insignificant number of members, it does seem that there should be a very large number required at this time to give to any Grand Lodge or Encampment more than one representative. The committee, in conclusion, report the following propositions for your adoption:

1. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient or necessary to amend Article XIV of the constitution.

2. *Resolved*, That the object contemplated by the Finance Committee of 1876, namely: the preservation of our finances upon a sound basis, can be best attained by an economical administration of the present revenues of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That a special committee of five shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose some method by which the expenses connected with the Journal and official reports of the sessions of this body shall be reduced.

4. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the maximum of the *per diem* to be allowed Grand Representatives should not exceed five dollars, and that their mileage should not exceed (counting one way), eight cents per mile.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a donation of the bound Revised Journals, Digests, and Books of Forms to Grand Representatives who have not received them, as provided for by a standing resolution of this body, is impolitic and expensive, and should not be continued, and that the said resolution is hereby repealed.

6. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is of the opinion that its basis of representation, namely: one Representative to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, and where the members of such Grand Body exceed one thousand, then two Representatives for such body, having been fixed in our infancy, should, in view of the vast increase of membership, be altered to suit the present condition of the Order; and a time shall be fixed at this session when propositions to that effect shall be considered in the committee of the whole, and reported to this Grand Lodge, as proposed amendments to Article IX of its constitution.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
D. B. SHIDELER,

E. B. SHERMAN,  
S. F. GWINNER.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved that the vote by which the resolution of Rep. PORTER, of California, as follows:

“*Resolved*, That the several Standing Committees of this Grand Lodge, be requested to cause their reports, when presented, to be signed by one only of their number,”

was adopted, be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the resolution,

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved that the subject be laid on the table, which was agreed to.

The hour fixed by resolution for the purpose having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess for the reception of the

Uniformed Patriarchs of Washington, D. C. The Battalion was introduced by Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, in an appropriate manner, and cordially welcomed by the M. W. Grand Sire.

The time allotted for recess having expired, the Lodge resumed its business.

On motion of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, Rep. GIBSON, of Ontario, was granted leave of absence for the remainder of the session, he having been advised by telegraph of the destruction of his property by fire.

Rep. DYE, of Minnesota, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Messenger be directed to have postage stamps placed upon all documents which the members of this Grand Lodge may be authorized to forward by mail during the present session.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, tendered an invitation from J. D. FERGUSON, Esq., manager of the Academy of Music, for the officers and members to visit the institution this evening on the occasion of its reopening for concerts. On motion of Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, the invitation was accepted, with the thanks of the Lodge.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

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TUESDAY, September 18, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present :

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

## PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....Pennsylvania.  
FREDERICK D. STUART.....District of Columbia.  
M. J. DURHAM.....Kentucky.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. G. Chaplain.

A quorum of Grand Bodies being present, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Standing Committees were called, when

Rep. PORTER, of California, from Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 2, respectfully report on the appeal of JOHN E. FAWKNER, against Centre Lodge, No. 18, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana.

The facts of this case are as follows: The appellant is the uncle and guardian of a girl 18 years of age, who is a deaf mute. She was an inmate of a deaf and dumb institution, and in February, 1875, it was discovered that she had been pregnant, and had produced upon herself an abortion. Two physicians were called, who pronounced her condition critical, and that she would not probably live, whereupon the superintendent of the institution went to her, and in presence of the physicians, stated to her that she was "in a very critical condition, and that the physicians said she would probably die."

The record does not disclose that she made any answer to this, or whether she thought herself *in extremis* or not.

She was then asked by the superintendent, who seduced her? and she answered, that it was her uncle, this appellant; stating the time. It was then asked her who had given the medicine to destroy the child within her? and she made the same answer.

The questions were asked and answered by signs.

It was in evidence that the appellant came to the institution in the month of October before, to take her away to get a pair of shoes. She did not want to go, but the superintendent advised her to do so, and on the same day she went in company with a lady and returned next day; she slept that night at the house of the appellant, who is a married man and a housekeeper. On the 6th of February following he came to see her in answer to a letter sent him by her. The witnesses differ as to the length of this visit; one says it lasted from an hour to an hour and a half; two of the others say from 20 to 25 minutes. The meeting took place in the reception room in the institution, and on this occasion appellant brought his said niece something done up in a bundle; one witness says "some packages; that two of them were large and the others small packages, all wrapped in newspapers;" three or four others testify about this, who only speak of one bundle, and the appellant and girl both say it was a hat which the wife of appellant had sent her.

This is all the evidence connecting the appellant with the offence, and the said statement of the girl was admitted in evidence by the trial committee, against the objection of the accused.

Several witnesses testified (also against the objection of the accused) that his reputation for morality was not good; and a less number testified the same as to his reputation for truth and veracity; but a larger number, who, some of them, had known the appellant longer and better, testified that his reputation in both respects was good.

Upon the evidence the committee reported that the charges were sustained, and the Lodge voted to expel the accused. He appealed from the judgment of the Lodge to the Grand Lodge of Indiana, which Grand Body sustained the Lodge, upon the ground that the evidence was sufficient to sustain the judgment, and the appeal is from the action of the Grand Lodge.

It was urged by the Committee of Appeals in the Grand Lodge of Indiana that it was the rule of that Grand Lodge never to reverse a cause simply upon the evidence "when there is sufficient evidence to sustain the findings and judgment of the Lodge, even though the evidence be conflicting."

It has repeatedly been decided by this Grand Lodge that where the laws of a State Grand Lodge provide for an appellate body to inquire into questions of fact, and that an appeal has once been taken thereto on the facts, that it is improper to hear a further appeal thereon; but this has been in cases where the law has forbidden further appeal. Your committee know of no instance where it has been decided by this Grand Lodge that a State Grand Lodge had not power to review matters of facts unless the Constitution or laws prohibited it. The principle of these decisions was found in the supposition that there was *some* legal evidence in the case, and that the body in which the case was tried was the best judge of the weight which should be given to conflicting testimony.

This committee think that a Grand Lodge may, in all cases, examine the record to ascertain if there is an entire absence of legal testimony.

The Grand Lodge of Indiana found in this case *that the evidence was sufficient.*

Your committee are, however, of the opinion that there was no legal evidence presented against the accused, and that he has been expelled in the absence of such evidence. The only pretended evidence against the accused of the commission of the offence was a statement of the girl in question taken and treated as though it had been her "dying declaration." This declaration, if it had first appeared that she believed herself to be in a dying condition when it was made, would have been properly admitted at the trial if she had *been dead*; but she was not. On the contrary, she was alive and a witness before the trial committee, and her said declaration was entirely inadmissible.

"Where it appears that the deceased at the time of the declaration had any expectation or hope of recovery, however slight, the declaration is inadmissible."—*1st Greenleaf Ev.* 158 *et seq.*

Had the declarant died, the testimony of her dying declaration against the accused would have been rebutted, by a voluntary statement made on a subsequent day, while she was still in said institution, under the charge of the same persons, and under the same influences as when her first statement was made, wherein she entirely exonerated the appellant, and charged the act upon another person.

This committee need not refer to the fact that testimony before trial committees of our Order in the absence of other regulations, should be taken in the manner and with the same effect of legal testimony taken in courts of justice; and nothing is better settled than that the person must be dead before his declaration, taken when he supposed himself to be *in extremis*, can be heard in evidence; and in this case the girl's statement, taken while in this condition, is the only evidence to sustain the charge against the accused. This is no evidence, and should not have been admitted. When the girl was herself examined at the trial, she testified to the entire innocence of the accused, and gave a reason for her first accusation against him.

But questions of fact in this case were not the only questions. There was an error of law as well, on which alone the judgment should be reversed, to wit: the admission of the said declaration of the girl, which, when offered, was properly objected to.

Wherefore, your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana is directed to cause said JOHN E. FAWKNER to be reinstated in his Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN PORTER,

*For the committee.*

Rep. TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Appeal of A. ORENDOFF against the Grand Lodge of Illinois. The facts of this case are as follows:

A brother, during a regular meeting of a Lodge, and during the pendency of a trial in which he was a material witness, informally, without consent, and against the protest of "one of the presiding officers," left the Lodge room. For this act he was charged with "misconduct" (which your committee conclude means "conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow,") and pleaded *guilty*. The Grand Master, on appeal to him, set aside the plea and directed the Lodge to find him not guilty. The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master, and this appeal is from that action.

Had not the accused brother pleaded guilty, the evidence must have shown that his conduct in leaving the room, coupled with the act of leaving, was such as to have amounted to *conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow*. This charge is often a very indefinite one, and depends generally upon the proof of the character of the conduct complained of. An act otherwise proper may be performed in such an improper manner as to make the performance thereof one unbecoming an Odd Fellow, and improper. If the accused himself had been conscious of rectitude in the premises, pleaded not guilty and challenged investigation, he might have presented sufficient excuse for his act, and the following reasoning of the Grand Master might have been just; wherein he says:

"A member of a Lodge may not be prohibited from leaving the Lodge room at proper periods during any meeting of the Lodge, provided a quorum remains; and the Noble Grand may not compel a brother wishing to retire to remain."

\* \* \* Bro. DUNLAP had a right to retire when he did. He may be punished for refusing to respond to the summons of the Lodge to testify, but he cannot be punished because he retired from the Lodge during the progress of a trial in which he was a witness, and the presiding officer had no right to refuse to consent to his retirement or protest against it."

But the accused knew what his own conduct and intentions were better than any one else could know. The gist of every offence is the intent, and as the accused pleaded *guilty* of unbecoming conduct, it was, in the opinion of your committee, the duty of the Lodge to pass sentence, and as the punishment (the imposition of a fine of five dollars) was not excessive, the same should not have been interfered with by the Grand Master.

Wherefore, your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN TAYLOR,

*For the committee.*

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No 2, to whom was referred the appeal of ROBERT PYE, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Kentucky, report:

The law and facts of this case are as follows: The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in Kentucky, as shown by Good Intent Lodge, No. 166, Law 10, Sec. 2, provides that "Any member, who may be in arrears to the amount of twenty-six weeks' dues, for dues and fines, shall be excluded from all pecuniary benefits from this Lodge, in case of sickness or otherwise, for thirty days after all arrearages are paid. And, should he be taken sick before the thirty days expire, he shall be debarred from all pecuniary benefits during such sickness."

The dues in this jurisdiction are \$6.50 per annum.

It appears by the record, that on the 24th day of July, 1875, Bro. JOHN B. GATES was in arrears more than twenty-six weeks, to wit: in the sum of \$10 25. That on said 24th day of July, Bro. GATES paid \$10.00 on account of dues, leaving twenty-five cents dues still unpaid.

If the brother had paid all his arrears on the 24th day of July (which he did not), and had been taken sick after the expiration of thirty days, he could claim benefits under the above-named provision of the Constitution. There is a conflict of testimony as to when he was taken sick. One physician certified that Bro. GATES "was not in a condition to attend to business from August 30th, 1875, to the day of his death," which took place on the 13th of October following.

Several brothers of the Order certified that Bro. GATES did attend to business up to the 1st of September of the same year.

Where there is a conflict of testimony, this Grand Lodge has many times declared that the Subordinate Lodge is the proper body to decide as to the weight and effect of such testimony, and after the Grand Lodge of a State has, in such a case, passed upon the action of such subordinate on appeal, this Grand Lodge will not disturb the judgment.

In this case, the Subordinate Lodge decided on the testimony that no benefits were due, and from this action an appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, which Grand Lodge found that on the 24th day of July, 1875, when Bro. GATES paid the \$10.00, his physical condition was such that he was wholly incapable of attending to any business, and that from said sickness he died.

There are several other questions discussed by the appellant, but as the points above set forth, seem to your committee to be decisive of the case, they are of opinion that the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky should be sustained, and so recommend.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES WOODYATT,

*For the committee.*

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. COTHRAN, of Alabama, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah:

*Resolved*, That the daughters of the Fifth Degree members, in good standing, be made eligible to membership in the Degree of Rebekah.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved the following, which was referred to the Committee on Finance:

*Resolved*, That the sum of ninety-five dollars to the Grand Lodge, and three hundred and eighteen dollars to the Grand Encampment, of South Carolina, be donated by this R. W. Grand Lodge respectively to said jurisdictions, and that said sums of money, as indicated, be placed to their respective credit, on the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Rep. BLATT, of Dakota, submitted the amended Constitution of Yankton Encampment, No. 2, Dakota, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

*Resolved*, That the Legislative Committee be requested to consider the propriety of reporting a law in accordance with the spirit of the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That hereafter suspensions from membership for non-payment of dues in Subordinate Lodges and Encampments be prohibited.

*Resolved*, That when a member is in arrears to a sufficient amount to prevent him under the laws of the Lodge, Encampment or jurisdiction from receiving the current term password, or the check password, he shall not be entitled to benefits, nor to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but must be considered a contributing member until his arrears amount to the sum of one year's dues, when he shall be fully suspended from benefits, to which he can only be restored by paying the amount of one year's dues, and by an application in open Lodge, to decide which affirmatively shall require a ballot vote of two thirds of the members present.

*Resolved*, That a member under the disabilities recited in the second resolution shall be entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment during the period mentioned, (one year), after which he may be admitted by the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, if there be no objection; if objection is made, then a majority of the Lodge or Encampment shall decide the question.

*Resolved*, That such a member may at any time be introduced by a Grand Representative or other elective officer of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to which the Lodge or Encampment is subordinate, the Grand Officer, of course, being responsible for the good character of the brother introduced.

Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business :

*Officers and Representatives of the Grand Lodge of the United States :*

BRETHREN:—I am encouraged by many members of the I. O. O. F. of Louisiana to present to this Grand Body, in written form, some of their expressed views and experiences, produced by associating with consumptive Odd Fellows from sister jurisdictions. The deep sympathy felt for this class of invalids, and a desire to enlist the interest of this Grand Lodge in their behalf, is a proper excuse for referring to the subject in the manner herewith presented; may it not be thought intrusive, but accepted as worthy of consideration. We are all aware that a large number of our brotherhood are now afflicted with that terrible disease known as pulmonary consumption, contracted mostly in a cold latitude, and if compelled to remain there during the winter months, must suffer

intensely without a possibility of getting well. Their physicians advise them to seek a milder climate, where they may inhale its balmy atmosphere so invigorating and healthful. The advice is generally accepted, although most of these invalids are, to a degree, penniless, being dependent upon Lodge benefits for their entire support; all else is spent for purposes to ward off this dreaded disease. The thought of leaving home under such trying circumstances is gloomy enough, but life is so dear to them that they are prepared to make any sacrifices to save it.

They apply for and get an appropriation from their Lodge that will pay their way to some southern city or town, possibly to New Orleans, La.; there they find rest for a few days, get further assistance from the Odd Fellows' General Relief Association, then move onward, they scarcely know where, or what is to become of them. To witness the distress pictured on the faces of these sick brethren when calling for relief, is sufficient to make the heart sick, hence the sympathy of the Louisiana brethren. The extreme sufferings of consumptive Odd Fellows have excited the sympathy of every member of the Order, without being able alone to render the aid so desirable, particularly when these sick brethren are far from home and its happy surroundings; then they require assistance greatly beyond the means of a few Odd Fellows, or any single Lodge. It occurs to some of us that the remedy consists in establishing a comfortable home for the ~~especial~~ use of these sick brethren, to be owned conjointly by the I. O. O. F., and under the control of the Grand Lodge of the United States. What seems necessary as a beginning, is to adopt a form of action, authorizing and requesting all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments to render the assistance required. As a suggestion, let the M. W. Grand Masters, M. W. Grand Patriarchs, and R. W. Grand Representatives of the several jurisdictions, appoint committees from each Lodge and Encampment, to solicit contributions, and to pay over the same as directed by said Grand Officers. The money needed to build and foster such a home would not exceed twenty-five cents yearly for each Odd Fellow.

If any of the brethren are unable to pay their allotted amount, other members of their Lodges will cheerfully pay it for them, and it may be possible that the fair sex identified with the Order would esteem it an honor to be classified among its contributors. When a sufficient amount of funds is placed in possession of the Grand Treasurer of this Grand Lodge, *as it should be*, then a single tract of land of about five thousand acres can be purchased in some healthful location, known for the mildness of its climate, at a cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars, with expenses included. Upon a portion of this land should be erected such buildings as would be required for the sick and for those employed to administer to their health and comfort; altogether the home should be made a pleasant retreat for consumptive Odd Fellows, and free of charge. Inducements so agreeable would be taken advantage of by such afflicted brethren in the earlier stages of the disease, and hundreds of precious lives would be saved. As an assistant to the accomplishment of the work, a portion of the land could be sold or rented, if deemed advisable, the income from which would probably make the home self-sustaining. When such a home is finished and in full operation, it must create a powerful incentive to the I. O. O. F., and add another step to its advancing glory.

LUTHER HOMES, *Grand Rep.*

1st. *Resolved*, That the subject-matter contained in the document relating to the Free Home for Consumptive Odd Fellows, to be owned conjointly by the I. O. O. F., and under the control of the G. L. U. S., has the approval of this Grand Body, who cheerfully recommend it to the favorable consideration and prompt action of all Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, who are hereby authorized and requested to form permanent committees by uniting together the elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments of their jurisdictions, they, as a committee, to appoint auxiliary committees from among

the members of their Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, to solicit contributions for the establishment of said home, the amount thus collected to be sent by the permanent committees to the R. W. G. Treasurer of the G. L. U. S., keeping in view that twenty-five cents collected, yearly, from each Odd Fellow, will meet all demands.

2d. *Resolved*, That to further the advancement of the home for consumptive Odd Fellows, a committee shall be appointed to consist of the elected Grand Officers of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with five additional members of the Order, to be appointed by the M. W. Grand Sire, altogether forming a committee on home, to serve for one year from October 1, 1877, a majority of whom shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business; said committee is fully authorized and empowered to purchase for and in the name of the Grand Lodge of the United States, whenever a proper amount of funds, contributed for the home, are in possession of its R. W. Grand Treasurer, a single tract of land of about five thousand acres, favorably located, for consumptives, at a cost not exceeding ten thousand dollars, including expenses therefor. Said committee is also empowered to have erected such buildings on the land as may be needed for the sick and employees, and to perform such other duties as may be required to place the home in full operation.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, submitted the following resolution of enquiry from the Grand Lodge of North Carolina, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby requested to ascertain from that R. W. Grand Body whether Subordinate Lodges are required to "give the honors of the Order" when a visiting brother is introduced by an elective officer of a State Grand Lodge, such visiting brother not being entitled to receive the honors.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on Miscellaneous Business :

*To the M. W. Grand Sire, and R. W. Grand Officers  
and Members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The petition of the undersigned respectfully represents :—

That deeply sympathizing with you in your desire to increase your income, he willingly yielded to you his legal right to publish certain ceremonials of the Order in the "Odd Fellow's Improved Manual," of which he is the author—even of some which were expressly prepared for said Manual, and paid for by him. But on further considering that measure and its effects, he believes that it is more detrimental to the best interests of the Order than profitable to your treasury. Following are some of the reasons for this conclusion :

Those ceremonials are beautiful in style and elevating in sentiment, and their frequent perusal will improve the minds and hearts of our members, and attach them more strongly to our Order. Also, many outsiders by reading them, have been, and will be drawn into our ranks. Hence, the more widely they can be circulated among a reading and reflecting people, the more will opposition be disarmed, prejudices be removed, and the social and humane be attracted to our portals. But to confine them exclusively to a Form Book which is necessarily sold at a high price, and mainly restricted to Subordinate Bodies, where it is seldom read by members, is to weaken attractions that bind our brotherhood in unity and incite it to improvements, and to disuse a powerful agency for converting opposers into friends, and friends into brethren. For such has been

largely the effect of publishing those ceremonials in works which have been widely circulated among brethren, and frequently given to inquirers for perusal. Therefore, to disallow their publication in the Manual virtually prohibits the spread of useful knowledge outside of the Order, and much restricts its circulation even among the brethren.

Should your R. W. Grand Lodge urge, that granting this petition would infringe on your income, your petitioner respectfully replies: That your book contains *forms* only, and is seldom sold except to Lodges; consequently sales are few, and the *net profit* derived from those few is really insignificant compared with the good which is prevented by prohibiting the publication of those ceremonials in works having a general circulation. A semi-annual tax of *one cent* on each member of the Order in the United States would yield far more than your R. W. Grand Body derives from *all its publications combined*.

Besides, restoring those ceremonials to the Manual, will hardly diminish sales of your Form Book, which is a necessity to your Subordinates on other accounts, and which the Manual cannot supply; while it would spread much needed knowledge where your Form Book does not go, and will tend to increase the devotion of our brethren and the numbers in our ranks; thus ultimately increasing the revenues of the Order, as well as its moral and social influence.

For these and other reasons, your petitioner respectfully solicits permission to restore to the Manual the ceremonials formerly published therein, and your petitioner remains, as ever,

Faithfully and respectfully your brother,

A. B. GROSH.

WASHINGTON, D. C., September 17th, 1877.

Rep. WILKERSON, of Missouri, submitted a memorial chart, which was referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, presented the appeal of J. T. BROWN, and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, which was referred to Appeal Committee, No. 2.

Rep. HYDE, of Vermont, presented the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Vermont, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. SMITH, of Nevada, presented the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nevada, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. BOYD, of California, under instructions from the Grand Lodge of that jurisdiction, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

WHEREAS, The Ritual for Installation of Officers of Degree Lodges is palpably crude and imperfect; therefore,

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the

United States, be and they are hereby instructed to urge a revision of said Ritual, in order that it may be better adapted to the purposes for which it was intended.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the pending amendment to Article I of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge be made the special order for Thursday morning at 10 o'clock.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the pending amendments (except to Article I) to the Constitution.

The first amendment, page 7004, as follows, was considered :

*Resolved*, That Article XVII of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by striking out the word "and" after "officers," in the first line of said article, and inserting after the word "Representatives," in the same line, the words "and Past Grand Sires."

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS—Reps. Bennett, Betton, Bigelow, Bradley, Cothran, DeGress, Elder, Fitzhugh, Ford, of Ontario, Gales, Grisamore, Havens, Haynie, Hickock, Hill, Homes, Hyde, Ingersoll, Muckle, Oberly, Pearce, Perry (2 votes,) Price, Rengstorff, Sheppard, Sherman, Taylor, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, White, Woodhouse, Woodyatt.—34.

NAYS.—Reps. Armstrong, Backensto, Bagley, Barber, Barry, Barrows, Beatty, Blanks, Blait, Block, Boyd, of California, Boyd, of Connecticut, Boyles, Breerton, Busbee, Cleaver, Cochran, Cohen, Cox, Crane, Cummings, Dann, Davis, Day, Dean, Decker, Deuel, Dodge, Dowden, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Ford, of Nebraska, Garey, Given, Glenn, Goodrich, Gwinner, Hamma, Haskins, Havenner (2 votes,) Heisey, Herring, Hildreth, Hotchkiss, Hurley, Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Nevada, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Kibbee, Kidder, Kretschmer, Leavitt, Leech, Lichy, McDanel, McKinney, Miller, Munson, Nash, Nutt, Oviatt, Peck, Pike, Porter, Pressey, Rawlings, Robbe, Robertson, of Indiana, Rodolf, Rosler, Shaffner, Sheire, Shideler, (2 votes,) Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Spear, Sporman, Stafford, Stebbins, Stickney, St. John, Stumbles (2 votes,) Terry, Underwood, Virden, Vivian, Weakley, Wellington, Wilkerson, Willston, Zimmerer.—98.

The next amendment, page 7005, as follows, was considered :

That the following shall be added to Article II, Constitution Grand Lodge of the United States, to wit:

And the Past Grand Sires in good standing in the Order, who shall serve as Grand Representatives from the Order at large, but not be entitled to vote.

That Article X of said Constitution be repealed.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, on

motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, it was indefinitely postponed.

The next amendment, pages 7005 and 7056, as follows, was considered :

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge so as to read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.

Amend Article XII of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge by striking out the word "annually" and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows :

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting, unless notice thereof be given as above stated.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to postpone the further consideration of the proposed amendment until the next session.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved to indefinitely postpone the proposed amendment, which was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Barry, Bigelow, Blanks, Boyd, of Connecticut, Boyles, Bradley, Brereton, Cummings, Davis, DeGress, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Fitzhugh, Ford, of Ontario, Gardner, Given, Haskins, Havener, Herring, Hill, Homes, Hyde, Johnson, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kidder, McDanel, McKinney, McLean, Miller, Munson, Nash, Perry, Pressey, Rengstorff, Robertson, of Indiana, Robertson, of L. Prov., Shaffner, Sheire, Shideler, (2 votes), Smith, of Indiana, Stafford, Stebbins, Stickney, Stumbles, Terry, Virden, Weakley, White, Woodhouse, Woodyatt.—52.

NAYS.—Reps. Armstrong, Backensto, Bagley, Barber, Barrows, Beatty, Bell, Bennett, Betton, Blatt, Block, Boyd, of California, Busbee, Cleaver, Cochran, Cohen, Cothran, Cox, Crane, Dann, Day, Dean, Decker, Deuel, Dodge, Dowden, Elder, Ford, of Nebraska, Gales, Garey, Glenn, Goodrich, Grisamore, Gwinner, Hamma, Havens, Haynie, Heisey, Hickok, Hildreth, Hotchkiss, Hurley, Ingersoll, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Nevada, Kennedy, Kibbee, Kretschmer, Leavitt, Leech, Lichtry, Morris, Muckle, Nutt, Oberly, Oviatt, Pearce, Peck, Pike, Porter, Price, Rawlings, Robbe, Rodolf, Rosler, Sheppard, Sherman, Simons, Smith, of Nevada, Spates, Spear, Sporman, St. John, Taylor, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, Underwood, Vivian, Wellington, Wilkerson, Willston, Zimmerer.—83.

The question recurring on the motion of Rep. PORTER, of California, to postpone the further consideration of the proposed amendment until the next session, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next amendment, page 7057, as follows, was considered :

Amend Article XVII as follows :

The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) shall receive a compensation for their services, to be fixed by law, and paid out of the treasury of the Grand Lodge of the United States, provided that this Grand Lodge shall not allow a compensation (except such per diem as it may think proper) to any Grand Representative coming from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

The question being on the adoption of the proposed amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative, and the Constitution was accordingly so amended.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Armstrong, Backensto, Bagley, Barber, Barry, Beatty, Bell, Bennett, Betton, Bigelow, Blanks, Blatt, Block, Boyd, of California, Boyd, of Connecticut, Boyles, Bradley, Brereton, Busbee, Cleaver, Cloward, Cohen, Cothran, Cox, Crane, Cummings, Dann, Davis, Day, Dean, Decker, DeGress, Deuel, Dodge, Dowden, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Elder, Fitzhugh, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gales, Gardner, Garey, Given, Glenn, Goodrich, Grisamore, Gwinner, Hamma, Haskins, Havenner, Havens, Haynie, Heisey, Herring, Hickok, Hildreth, Hill, Homes, Hotchkiss, Hurley, Hyde, Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Kidder, Kretschmer, Leavitt, Leech, Lichty, McDanel, McKinney (2 votes), McLean, Miller, Morris, Muckle, Munson, Nash, Nutt, Oberly, Oviatt, Pearce, Peck, Perry (2 votes), Pike, Porter, Pressey, Price, Rawlings, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robertson, of Indiana, Rodolph, Rosler, Shaffner, Sheire, Sheppard, Sherman, Shideler (2 votes), Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Spates, Spear, Sporman, Stebbins, Stickney, St. John, Taylor, Terry, Thompson, Ticknor, Tompkins, Underwood, Vivian, Weakley, Wellington, White, Wilkerson, Williston, Woodhouse, Woodyatt, Zimmerer—129.

NAYS.—None.

Rep. SHIDELER, of Indiana, moved the following :

*Resolved*, . That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to calculate the mileage of the Officers and Representatives to this Grand Lodge at ten cents per mile one way, and the per diem at six dollars per day for seven days.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "ten" and inserting "eight," and by striking out "six" and inserting "four."

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, called for a division of the question, which was ordered.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the first portion of the amendment of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, viz: to strike out "ten" and insert "eight," it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the second branch of the amendment to strike out "six" and insert "four," it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the original resolution,

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend by striking out "six" and inserting "five," which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the original resolution,

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, moved to amend by striking out "six dollars" and inserting "four dollars and ninety-nine cents."

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question again recurring on the resolution of Rep. SHIDELER, of Indiana, as follows:

"Resolved, That the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem be instructed to calculate the mileage of the Officers and Representatives to this Grand Lodge at ten cents per mile one way, and the per diem at six dollars per day for seven days."

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, moved to strike out "seven days" and insert "six days," which was not agreed to.

The question again recurring on the original resolution of Rep. SHIDELER, of Indiana, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barber, Barry, Barrows, Beatty, Bennett, Belton, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boyd, of California, Boyd, of Connecticut, Boyles, Bradley, Breerton, Busbee, Cleaver (2 votes), Cochran, Cohen, Cox, Crane, Cummings, Dann, Davis, Day, Dean (2 votes), Decker, Dowden, Driggs, Dye, Dyer, Elder, Fitzhugh, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gales, Gardner, Given, Glenn, Goodrich, Grisamore, Hamma, Haskins, Havener (2 votes), Havens, Haynie, Heisey, Herring, Hill, Homes, Hotchkiss, Hurley, Hyde, Jones, of Nevada, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kibbee, Kidder, Kretschmer, Leavitt (2 votes), Leech, Lichty, McDanel, Morris, Nash, Nutt, Oviatt, Pearce, Perry (2 votes) Pike, Porter, Pressey Price, Rengstorff, Robbe, Robertson, of Indiana, Robertson, of L. Prov., Rodolf, Sheire, Shideler (2 votes), Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Sporman, Stebbins, Stickney, St. John, Stumbles,

Taylor, Tompkins, Underwood, Virden, Vivian, Walling, Weakley, Wellington, Woodhouse, Woodyatt, Zimmerer.—105.

NAYS.—Reps. Armstrong, Bell, Blatt, Cloward, Cothran, Deuel, Dodge, Garey, Gwinner, Hickok, Johnson, Jones, of Maryland, Kennedy, McKinney, Miller, Muckle, Munson, Oberly, Peck, Rawlings, Rosler, Shaffner, Sheppard, Sherman, Spates, Spear, Stafford, Terry, Thompson, Ticknor, White, Wilkerson.—32.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

WHEREAS, The primary object, without which no Lodge of Odd Fellows can exist, is a mutual aid and fraternity, that a system of dues and a treasury for the security of the former are the necessary adjuncts of our system; that all other pecuniary benefits are simply incidents which naturally flow from the duty of mutual aid; that, therefore, the whole of the assets and property of Lodges are trust funds equally to be protected, and of equal sacredness; therefore,

*Resolved*, That when, from any cause, any separate fund of a Lodge shall be found unnecessary, it shall be lawful to otherwise appropriate such fund, or to merge it in whole or in part in the general fund, provided, that the object contemplated by such special fund be otherwise fully protected and secured. And, provided further, that provision be fully made to return any donation made to said special fund which may be demanded by any donor who may insist upon its being devoted to the object for which it was donated.

Rep. PORTER, of California, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution :

The undersigned propose the following amendments to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge :

Amend Article IX, Section 1, so as to read as follows :

Article IX. Section 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Amend Article XIII, Section 4, so as to read as follows :

Article XIII. Section 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret session.

Amend Article XIV, Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows :

Article XIV. Section 2. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

Amend Article XXI, so as to read as follows :

Article XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.

NATHAN PORTER, of California.

H. E. DODGE, of Rhode Island.

GEORGE DEAN, of Michigan.

JOHN R. TOMPKINS, of Alabama.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the application of Bros. L. S. ELKAN, H. D. BLITZ, J. A. BOOLEMAN, M. A. BOOLEMAN and L. VAN WEST, for a charter for a Lodge to be located in Amsterdam, in the Kingdom of the Netherlands, to be called Mount Sinai, No. 2, recommend that the prayer of the petitioners be granted, and a charter issue in pursuance of the same.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER J. GLENN,	DAVID W. BOYD,
A. H. LICHTY,	C. P. ELDER,
A. G. WALLING,	ALF. BENNETT.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, of Montreal, in the Province of Quebec, Canada, asking the Grand Lodge of the United States to transfer said Encampment to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the petition of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, be granted, and that said Encampment is hereby transferred to the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER J. GLENN,	C. P. ELDER,
A. H. LICHTY,	DAVID W. BOYD,
A. G. WALLING,	ALF. BENNETT.

Rep. ELDER, of Colorado, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the following applications, viz.:

Application of Patriarchs to establish an Encampment at Seattle, Washington Territory, to be called Unity, No. 2,

Application for an Encampment, to be called Atahualpa, No. 1, at Lima, Peru, South America,

Application for an Encampment, to be called Harmony, No. 2, at New Westminster, British Columbia, Canada,

Application for an Encampment, to be called Port La Joie, No. 13, at Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada,

Respectfully report, that we find all the above papers in proper form, and as the Grand Officers have issued a dispensation to each, and the Encampments have been instituted, we offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Officers in the above named cases be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

C. P. ELDER,	A. H. LICHTY,
DAVID W. BOYD,	ALF. BENNETT,
LUTHER J. GLENN,	A. G. WALLING.

Rep. LICHTY, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the papers in the following cases of applications for Subordinate Lodges, to wit:

New Castle Lodge, No. 8, New Castle, Washington Territory,  
Mount Baker Lodge, No. 9, Port Townsend, Washington Territory,  
Patit Lodge, No. 10, Dayton, Washington Territory,  
Beaver Lodge, No. 6, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada,  
McAlister Lodge, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory,  
Pioneer Lodge, No. 7, Richmond, Province of Quebec, Canada,

Respectfully report, that in each of said cases a warrant has been issued and the Lodge instituted; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Sire, in issuing the said warrants, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

A. H. LICHTY,      ALF. BENNETT,  
C. P. ELDER,      A. G. WALLING.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the Lodge proceed to consider the report of the Special Committee on "Representation and Taxation," page 7334, Journal.

Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire, moved to postpone the consideration of the report until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which was agreed to.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the Lodge now proceed to consider the report of the Committee on Printing Supplies, page 7333, Journal, which was agreed to; and, on his further motion, the resolutions were considered seriatim.

The question being on the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the second resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the third resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the fourth resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The report and resolutions were then adopted.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the remaining subject reported by the Committee on Unfinished Business, viz: the report of the Committee on History of Odd Fellowship, postponed to this session; and, on

his further motion, the subject was referred to the Committee on History of Odd Fellowship.

Rep. WALLING, of Oregon, submitted a petition from the Past Grands of the Lodges in Washington Territory, for the organization of a Grand Lodge in the said Territory, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved that the Lodge now resolve itself into secret session, which was agreed to.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved that the rule prohibiting the admission of others than the officers and members of this Grand Lodge, to the secret sessions, be suspended for this session so far as the same affects Past Grand Representatives.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to amend by including Past Grand Masters.

Rep. CLEAVER, of New Jersey, moved to amend by substituting for the motion and amendment pending "that the rule be suspended."

The question being on the amendment of Rep. CLEAVER, of New Jersey, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the original motion of Rep. PORTER, of California,

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, moved to amend by striking out "this session," and inserting "this day," which was agreed to, and the motion as amended was adopted.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business, when

The M. W. Grand Sire presented the following, with a copy of the work referred to, which was received with the thanks of the Lodge:

CINCINNATI, September, 1877.

*To the Officers and Members of the*

*R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

BROTHERS:—Permit me to tender to your Honorable Body for acceptance, the accompanying History of Magnolia Lodge No. 83, I. O. O. F. of Cincinnati, embracing the period from the institution of said Lodge, March 29, 1847, to March 29, 1877.

It may not be out of place to state that at the commencement of writing this history it was not with the expectation of its ever being made public, but prin-

cipally to bring to mind more clearly the early days of my connection with Magnolia Lodge.

The general wish of the Brotherhood throughout the United States that the early history of the Order in this country should be better known, suggested the idea that the members of my own Lodge might wish to know more of the inception and acts of Magnolia since its institution; and with this view I continued the work until completed, knowing, however, that my feeble attempt would fall far short of making it as interesting as it should be.

Magnolia Lodge decided to have copies of the History placed in the hands of the members and friends, and ordered the same to be printed.

Possibly it may be the means of inducing other brothers who have been connected with the Order for many years to write the history of their Lodges, and thus hand down to posterity incidents that may be of interest to those who may become members of the Order, and which would also be of assistance to whoever may hereafter continue the history of what Odd Fellowship has done toward hastening the time when all shall be as brothers.

I can assure them, that although there may be some labor attached to it, they will find, as I have done, that the *labor* is nothing in comparison to the *pleasure* it will afford them. Whilst writing the History it has called into remembrance the many happy hours I have spent in the Lodge room with those who have gone to that better Lodge above.

With profound regard, I am yours, fraternally,  
JOHN GOULD.

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Deputy Grand Sire, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

WEDNESDAY, September 19, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. MCQUIDDY.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
FREDERICK D. STUART.....	District of Columbia.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

A quorum of Grand Bodies being present, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred Decision No. 1 of the M. W. Grand Sire, respectfully report that they believe the said decision to be in conformity with law, and therefore offer the following:

*Resolved*, That Decision No. 1, of the M. W. Grand Sire, be and the same hereby is approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,

C. M. BUSBEE,

R. H. M'DANEL,

L. K. BARBER,

JAMES A. ARMSTRONG,

A. B. CRANE,

J. F. BACKENSTO,

JOSEPH KIDDER,

GEORGE DEAN.

Rep. DYER, of Maine, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the R. W. Grand Secretary, that a new Standing Committee on Property be appointed, would report, that they deem it inexpedient, and therefore propose the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary and his assistant be especially charged with the proper preservation and protection of all the property of the Grand Lodge other than supplies, and that no additional compensation be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN K. DYER,

S. H. BRADLEY,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,

HORACE W. STICKNEY,

J. W. STEBBINS,

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,

STEPHEN TERRY,

JOHN T. GIVEN,

H. F. GAREY.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of J. T. BROWN and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would report as follows:

Jasper Lodge, No. 198, was instituted March 8 1876, and held its meetings bi-weekly. October 4th, the Noble Grand who had held this office since the institution of the Lodge, was elected a Representative to the Grand Lodge. When the Grand Lodge met, the Committee on Credentials reported that he was not a Past Grand, and the Grand Master therefore decided that he could not be admitted as a Representative. This decision was not sustained by the Grand Lodge, and the Past Official degrees were conferred upon the brother, and he was admitted as a Representative. From this action of the Grand Lodge an appeal is taken.

The Constitution for Subordinate Lodges, Article XVI, Section 1, provides that the Noble Grand shall be elected annually, at the last meeting in June, if meetings are held bi-weekly, as was the case with this Lodge. Whether the Noble Grand was re-elected in June, after the institution of the Lodge, does not appear, but it is conceded that he was still the Noble Grand at the time of his election as Representative. It is also clear that he could not have served a full term as Noble Grand. He was not, therefore, a Past Grand, and, according to the decision of this Grand Lodge, (Rev. Journal, 1874, pp. 6211, 6263), he could not be elected a Representative.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nevada, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nevada be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	JOHN F. COTHIAN,
JOHN E. BELL,	JOHN W. SMITH,
S. T. GRISAMORE,	D. W. BRERETON,
O. W. OVIATT.	

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	D. W. BRERETON,
JOHN E. BELL,	JNO. W. SMITH,
S. T. GRISAMORE,	O. W. OVIATT,
JNO. F. COTHIAN.	

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, beg leave to report, that they have considered the same, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the revised Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	JOHN F. COTHRAN,
JOHN E. BELL,	D. W. BRERETON,
S. T. GRISAMORE,	O. W. OVIATT,
JOHN W. SMITH.	

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BETTON, of Kansas, to wit:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Body recognizes the right of the several Grand Lodges to create a widows' and orphans' endowment in the form of a tax upon their Subordinate Lodges, to be collected and paid upon the death of each member in good standing."

After thorough consideration of the subject, have the honor to report that Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions possess the right to establish widows' and orphans' endowments of any nature whatever, provided they are founded upon a basis of voluntary contributions; but it is against the organic law of the Order to make forced assessments for the above purpose, which we do not deem expedient to change, and consequently must report adverse to the resolution quoted above, but would recommend the formation of widows' and orphans' endowments by those members of the Order who may form, in the several jurisdictions, an auxiliary association for such a purpose.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
J. W. STEBBINS,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
STEPHEN TERRY,	S. H. BRADLEY,
HENRY F. GAREY.	

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of EDWIN ROUNDS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island, having considered the same, respectfully report: That the only question involved in this appeal is a construction of Art. 3, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge from which the appeal is taken in connection with Art. 3, Sec.

1, of the By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No. 24, of said jurisdiction, to which appellant belonged.

Appellant was an initiatory member of said Lodge, without degrees, and claimed sick benefits. Art. 3, Sec. 2, of the Constitution above cited, provides that "*Every member* \* \* shall be entitled to receive such weekly benefits from the funds of the Lodge as may be fixed by the By-Laws." And the By-Laws provide that "every brother \* \* rendered incapable by sickness

\* \* shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge, \* \* if he has taken the first degree, one dollar; second degree, two dollars, &c., making no provision whatever for members who had taken no degrees. Appellant had taken no degrees, but claimed benefits which his Lodge refused, and from this refusal brings his appeal on the ground that the Constitution, as quoted, declares that "every member shall receive benefits, and that, therefore, *something* is due him under the law."

Your committee respectfully submit, that the Constitutional provision under which appellant makes his claim, is by its very terms limited to such benefits as the By-Laws of Crescent, or any other Lodge working under its jurisdiction, may provide for its members, and none other, and recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in the matter of the appeal of Bro. EDWIN ROUNDS, be sustained, and that said appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN R. TOMPKINS,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 2, in the matter of the appeal of BENJAMIN F. REYNOLDS, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, respectfully report, that the subject has been one of active controversy in the jurisdiction of Rhode Island since July, 1873.

On the 28th day of that month, the appellant was charged with conduct unbecoming an Odd Fellow, in calling the Noble Grand, of Unity Lodge, No. 2, of that jurisdiction, a liar, accompanied with profane language. Charges were preferred against the appellant, referred to a committee, who reported the charges sustained, and recommended the expulsion of the accused, which was concurred in by a large majority of the Lodge. On appeal the D. D. Grand Master sustained the action of the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island sustained the D. D. Grand Master.

The subject of this appeal was before each semi-annual session of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island from 1873 to 1876, and has required, from that Grand Body, much consideration, most of which, it seems to your committee, by reason of the informality attending the making up of the record; and this informality would leave this committee in much uncertainty if the case was wholly dependent upon the record, but it is not. The questions which the trial committee were called upon to investigate, were purely questions of fact, and the committee found them so far proven as to find the accused guilty, and the Lodge, which must be supposed to have understood the facts, sustained the committee.

This Grand Lodge at almost every session reiterates what is its established law in such cases, to wit:

That where a Subordinate Lodge acts upon a report of a committee upon matters of fact only, when there are facts to sustain the charges, and such action

is sustained on appeal, this Grand Lodge will not interfere to disturb such judgment.

It is true that the appellant in his appeal to the D. D. Grand Master complains of certain irregularities in the trial, such as "that the trial committee were partial and unfair, in that they did not accept all of the testimony;" "that the Lodge was not placed in possession of all the evidence; that the accused was not notified of the time of trial of his appeal," &c. But there is nothing in the record showing that any one of these complaints was true, and therefore they cannot be regarded by this Grand Lodge.

In his appeal to the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, the appellant has introduced matters which are irrelevant, and about matters which it is unnecessary for us to consider, but the record shows that a committee of said Grand Lodge finally reported that expulsion was too severe a penalty and recommended that the appellant should be reinstated. The Grand Lodge of Rhode Island by a very decisive vote rejected the recommendations of the committee.

It is probable that the penalty was too severe, but inasmuch as the charges were sustained by evidence on the trial in his Subordinate Lodge, and the appeal committee of said Grand Lodge preceded their recommendation for reinstatement by saying in their report that "the charges preferred are, in the opinion of your committee, sustained by the testimony," your committee do not feel justified in departing from the well established custom of this Grand Lodge, and therefore would respectfully recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island in the case be sustained, and the appeal dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. TICKNOR,  
*For a majority of the committee.*

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the memorial emanating from the Lodges of the Indian Territory, requesting this Grand Lodge to so alter or amend her Constitution as to permit the initiation of Indians, respectfully report:

That, under existing law, the introduction of Indians into our Lodges is clearly prohibited, and the new legislation asked for is not in the purview of the operations of this committee. We, therefore, offer the following:

*Resolved*, That the Judiciary Committee be discharged from the further consideration of this subject, and the memorial above mentioned be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. DOWDEN,	S. F. GWINNER,
E. H. FITZHUGH,	H. WELLINGTON,
J. HAM PERRY,	N. W. COX,
M. D. HERRING,	F. G. BEATTY,
	G. A. CUMMINGS.

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended By-Laws of Royal Purple Encampment, No. 1, held at Vermillion, Dakota Territory:

Also, amendments to By-Laws of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Chile:

Also, amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York:

Respectfully report, that they have carefully examined the same, and recommend their approval by this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRISAMORE,	O. W. OVIATT,
J. W. SMITH,	D. W. BRERETON,
HERMAN BLOCK,	JOHN E. BELL,
JOHN F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, Indian Territory, have had the same under consideration, and recommend their approval by this Grand Bo

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRISAMORE,	HERMAN BLOCK,
JOHN E. BELL,	O. W. OVIATT,
J. W. SMITH.	D. W. BRERETON,
J. F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, at the last session, sustaining the Grand Master of Tennessee in his decision that he has no right or power to suspend the action of his Grand Lodge, reversing the action of a Subordinate Lodge, and sending the case back for future trial, (page 6752, Revised Journal), would report, recommending that said decision be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. COCHRAN, of Mississippi, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the complaint of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER, a member of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, against the action of Eclipse Lodge, No. 444, Chicago, Illinois, in the matter of complaint made by said Dr. HAUSLEUTNER against Bro. BIENEWISS, a member of said Eclipse Lodge, beg leave to report, that after due examination of the papers in the case, we find they are not in proper form; and that the complaint should have been made to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Illinois, and your committee offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the papers be returned to Bro. HAUSLEUTNER, and your committee be discharged from further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. C. COCHRAN,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Sire's report relating to the application of brethren residing in Havana, Cuba, for a charter, considering it impracticable and inexpedient, on account of the laws of the Spanish Government, in relation to secret societies, to take any action in the matter under existing circumstances, recommends the adoption of the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the consideration of the subject establishing the Order on the Island of Cuba be deferred for the present.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK, T. I. DRIGGS,  
WM. A. NEWELL, W. C. WILLISTON,  
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, GEO. J. GARDNER,  
J. P. SANDERS.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred that portion of the reports of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, and the correspondence relating to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No 1, and Anglo American Encampment, No. 1, of the city of London, England, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the action of the M. W. Grand Sire, in reference to these bodies, be approved, and the further consideration of the subject, together with the report of Special Commissioner SMITH, be referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, with power to act.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK, T. I. DRIGGS,  
WM. A. NEWELL, W. C. WILLISTON,  
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, GEO. J. GARDNER,  
J. P. SANDERS.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred the proposition of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows of England, for a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders, believing that the best conclusion in the premises

can be more safely and intelligently arrived at by entrusting the investigation thereof to the M. W. Grand Sire and the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the proposition of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows of England, mentioned in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, be referred to those officers to investigate and report thereon at the next annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	T. I. DRIGGS,
WM. A. NEWELL,	GEORGE J. GARDNER,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER,	W. C. WILLISTON.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, in view of the fact that complications at present existing in the jurisdiction of Australia, as reported by the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, seem to demand and can reasonably be expected to be satisfactorily adjusted only by the personal presence and interference of some responsible agent of this Body, and believing that no one can be, by virtue of his office and distinguished ability, so capable of arranging matters for the general honor and good of the Order, and especially for the prosperity of the acknowledged Grand Lodge of Australia and the jurisdiction thereto belonging, as our M. W. Grand Sire, we think it important and expedient that he should visit that portion of the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, with full power and authority to act in the premises, and we offer the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the M. W. Grand Sire, JOHN W. STOKES, be empowered and requested to proceed to Australia and New Zealand, and in the exercise of authority in him vested as the head of the Order, to effect an adjustment of the present complications there existing, and perform such other offices for the welfare of the Order there as in his judgment he may deem expedient.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	T. I. DRIGGS,
WM. A. NEWELL,	GEO. J. GARDNER,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER,	W. C. WILLISTON.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution on that subject, submitted by Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, beg leave to report the same slightly modified, and recommend its adoption as follows:

WHEREAS, The primary object, without which no Lodge of Odd Fellows can exist, is mutual aid and fraternity; that a system of dues, and a treasury for the security of the former, are the necessary adjuncts of our system; that all other pecuniary benefits are simply incidents which naturally flow from the duty of mutual aid; that, therefore, the whole of the assets and property of Lodges are trust funds, equally to be protected, and of equal sacredness; therefore,

*Resolved*, That when, from any cause, any separate fund of a Subordinate Lodge shall be found unnecessary, it shall be lawful to otherwise appropriate

such fund or to merge it, in whole or in part, in the general fund; provided, that the object contemplated by such special fund be otherwise fully protected and secured. And provided further, that provision be fully made to return any donation made to the said special fund which may be demanded by any donor who may insist upon its being donated to the object for which it was donated; provided further, that no such appropriation shall be made unless the same shall first be authorized by the Grand Lodge to which such Subordinate may be attached.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,	HORACE W. STICKNEY;
J. W. STEBBINS,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
STEPHEN TERRY,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand Secretary's report of last year as relates to annual reports from State Grand Bodies, (Journal, 6800), beg leave to report:

That they have considered the subject assigned them, and that they appreciate the evils to which the R. W. Grand Secretary refers, and are persuaded that it lies in the power of Subordinate Grand Bodies and their officers, to comply with the existing requirements concerning their reports much better than they now do; and that, perhaps, the Grand Representatives might aid in these matters by calling to them the attention of their respective Grand Bodies; but we are not of the opinion that it is just now expedient to adopt any more stringent legislation; we therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN TERRY,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	J. W. STEBBINS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
STEPHEN K. DYER,	S. H. BRADLEY,
H. F. GAREY.	

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the petition of members of St. John's Lodge, No. 62, of Chicopee, Massachusetts, for a uniform cap, which was presented at your Annual Communication of last year, (Journal, 6928.) beg leave to report that at your last Annual Communication a special committee was raised to report at this session "a suitable street dress for members of Subordinate Lodges;" we therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN TERRY,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	J. W. STEBBINS,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
STEPHEN K. DYER,	S. H. BRADLEY,
H. F. GAREY.	

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the preamble and resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, asking for such legislation as shall enable Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments to permit subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, respectfully report, that while dues accrue weekly the time and manner of paying them are subjects of and should be left to local legislation.

This Grand Lodge has decided that "the subject of dues is one peculiarly for the legislation of State Grand Bodies, and any interference therewith by this Grand Body is objectionable."

Believing that the entire subject of the time and manner of the payment of dues should be left to the control of local Grand Bodies, so that a member is not deprived of his right to pay at any time, your committee would submit the following:

*Resolved*, That it is competent for a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment to permit its subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, provided such requirement shall not work a forfeiture of any rights now guaranteed to members by the laws of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted,

J. W. STEBBINS,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
JOHN T. GIVEN,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
STEPHEN TERRY,	S. H. BRADLEY,
HENRY F. GAREY.	

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Special Committee appointed at the last annual session to report a uniform street dress, which may be worn by Subordinate Lodges when in public procession, offer the following and move its adoption:

1. The style of hat or cap and dress shall be left to the jurisdiction of the individual Subordinate Lodges, provided that in each case strict uniformity shall be enjoined and observed.

2. Plain white gloves only shall be worn.

3. A jewel collar two and one-half inches wide (no more nor less) at the widest part, uniting in a point in front, in accordance with pattern herewith presented, made of very light blue silk, Italian cloth or other material (excepting velvet, which shall not be used), of the shade known as silver blue, edged with silver lace or braid, one-fourth of an inch wide, and without embroidery or other ornamentation of any kind whatever.

4. A medal, to be suspended from the collar, of white metal, one and three-fourths inches in diameter, having on the obverse side, in raised work, the All-seeing Eye, encircled by rays of light; and on the reverse, also in raised work, the three links of the Order, surrounded by the legend, 'FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH.'

Brothers belonging to the Patriarchal Branch may wear a medal of the same device, in yellow metal, and officers and past officers may wear, instead thereof,

or in addition thereto, such jewel or jewels of the Order as they may be entitled to wear elsewhere, in conformity with the existing regulations.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK, A. B. CRANE,  
ROBERT H. McDANEL.

Rep. BRADLEY, of Colorado, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to journals and periodicals, have had the same under consideration, and ask leave to report, that they deem it inexpedient at the present time to legislate upon the subject; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

S. H. BRADLEY,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
J. W. STEBBINS,	STEPHEN TERRY,
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
STEPHEN K. DYER,	HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. NASH, of Maine, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, as the same appears on page 7343 of the Journal, having carefully considered the subject matter of said resolution which proposes in short to donate to the Grand Encampment and Grand Lodge of South Carolina the sums of their respective indebtedness to this R. W. Grand Lodge, report as follows:

Your committee have considered said resolution in connection with the communication of Grand Master SELL of said jurisdiction as made to this R. W. Grand Lodge at its last session, and as the same appears on page 6929 of the Journal of 1876; also, page 7222 Grand Secretary's report to this session.

Your committee have carefully considered the same in the two-fold light of what is due to the finances of this R. W. Grand Lodge and what is due from us to an honored jurisdiction calling to us for help in its hour of distress. We have been deeply impressed with the fact, that a jurisdiction historical in the annals of this R. W. Grand Lodge has no voice in its councils, and the cause of this want of representation appeals silently but forcibly to what we concede to be the true spirit of Odd Fellowship all over the world.

Your committee would not be understood as establishing a precedent by their action in this particular matter; instances of fraternal benefaction need no precedent in Odd Fellowship, they are boundless as the extent of the Order, and are only measured by the merit of the appeal. In the light of these facts your committee respectfully recommend the adoption of the resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES B. NASH,	GEORGE HASKINS,
I. C. STAFFORD,	ERIE J. LEECH,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	LUTHER HOMES,
JAMES B. BLANKS,	ALEX. L. SPEAR.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of the appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Province of Quebec, from the decision of Bro. G. VAREY, D. D. Grand Sire of said Province, that a Subordinate Lodge cannot fine the Junior Past Grand, as an officer, for absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening, your committee reports as follows :

Appellant being a Lodge under the immediate supervision of the Grand Lodge of the United States, appealed to the Grand Sire, and by him the appeal was referred to this body.

One of the By-Laws of appellant is as follows :

"An officer of this Lodge failing to discharge his duties shall be fined as follows, unless excused by a vote of the Lodge: For absence from his proper station in the Lodge, at the time of opening, without reasonable cause, whether at a regular, special or degree meeting, if an elective officer, or the Junior Past Grand, 50 cents."

The Grand Lodge of the United States approved this By-Law. After its adoption and approval, the Junior Past Grand of appellant remained away from a meeting, and at a subsequent meeting was fined under the above By-Law for such absence. He appealed from this action to the D. D. Grand Sire of his jurisdiction, and his appeal was sustained on the ground that the Junior Past Grand is not an officer, and that therefore he could not be fined as an officer for absence from meetings of his Lodge.

Appellant asks to have this decision reversed, because :

1. The fine was imposed by authority of a By-Law approved by the Grand Lodge of the United States.

2. The law makes it the duty of the Junior Past Grand to occupy the seat of Past Grand for one term, and the fine was imposed to enforce that duty.

3. There is no law of the Grand Lodge of the United States which forbids the imposition of fines for non-attendance of members of Subordinate Lodges.

The penalty to be inflicted upon an officer of a Subordinate, guilty of neglect of official duty, depends upon the legislation of the Grand Lodge of the jurisdiction, and, in the absence of such legislation, on the Constitution or By-Laws of the Subordinate Lodge. The Grand Lodge of a jurisdiction may, therefore, provide for the imposition of fines upon the officers of its subordinates (excepting the Chaplain) for neglect of duty in remaining absent from the meetings of the Lodge, without reasonable cause for such absence; and a Subordinate may, its Grand Body not having legislated as above indicated, provide by constitutional provision or By-Law for the imposition of fines upon officers for absence from meetings without reasonable cause, and for otherwise neglecting duty. Consequently, if the Junior Past Grand is an officer, he may be fined for non-attendance.

The officers of a Subordinate Lodge are: Noble Grand, Vice Grand, Secretary, Permanent Secretary (when necessary), Treasurer, Chaplain (when elected or appointed), Warden, Conductor, O. G., I. G., R. and L. S. of the N. G., R. S. S., L. S. S., R. and L. S. of the V. G.

All of these officers, or either of them (excepting the Chaplain), may be fined in the manner above indicated, for absence from a meeting of a Lodge. With respect to the Chaplain, it has been decided that it is not wise to require the performance of his duties by the infliction of penalties. The Junior Past Grand is not an officer, and cannot be elected or appointed to an office in his Lodge during the time he occupies the Past Grand's chair. He, therefore, cannot be fined as an officer for absence from the Lodge, or for otherwise neglecting his

duty. He obtains the chair of the Past Grand neither by election nor appointment, but by service during a term in an office—that of Noble Grand. Upon him are imposed certain duties—the occupancy of the chair of the Past Grand during the term immediately succeeding his term of Noble Grand, and the delivery, during that term, of the Past Grand's charge at initiations. For neglecting to perform these duties, he may be fined, as a member of a committee, or of the Board of Trustees, may be fined for neglect of duty; and, under a law that, members absent from meetings shall be fined, he would be, in common with his fellow-members, liable to the infliction of the penalty for absenteeism; but he cannot be fined as an officer for absence from meetings of his Lodge.

In this case, appellant fined its Junior Past Grand as an officer. By its action appellant said in effect: "The Junior Past Grand being an officer of this Lodge, is hereby fined for absence from his proper station in the Lodge at the time of opening." Appellant had no legal right to say this. It is true, the By-Law in question has been approved by this Grand Body, and to it a forced construction might be given that would make it consistent with the law declaring the Junior Past Grand to be not an officer of a Subordinate Lodge; but your committee, believing that the law should be made plain, prefers to say that the approval given to the By-Law was improper, and that so much of it as relates to the Junior Past Grand is null and void.

In view of the above considerations, your committee is of opinion that the appeal should be dismissed, and it recommends the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, of the Province of Quebec, from the decision of the D. D. Grand Sire of said jurisdiction, in the case of Bro. FRANK G. VAREY vs. St. Lawrence Lodge No. 2, of the Province of Quebec, be and the same is hereby dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OBERLY,	M. HEISEY,
WM. W. MORRIS,	JOHN M. PRICE,
COLIN M. BOYD,	G. W. HURLEY,
J. B. KIMBALL,	W. E. PRESSEY,
C. C. KIBBEE.	

Rep. ROBERTSON, of the Lower Provinces, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of the appeal of WILLIAM GARRETT, from a decision made by the Grand Lodge of Iowa, approving the answer made by the Grand Master of said State to the following question:

*Question*—A member takes a visiting card for six months, paying up his dues for that time; before the expiration of the card the yearly dues are increased. Must the member holding the card pay the increased dues, or does the possession of the card relieve him?

To this the Grand Master replied that "The brother is not liable for the increased dues until after the expiration of the card."

This appeal should be sustained. When persons join Lodges of Odd Fellows, they agree not only to obey the laws of the Order existing at the time, but all laws that may be afterwards enacted. And when a By-Law is amended, increasing the amount to be paid for dues, it affects every member of the Lodge. A brother has no exemption from his obligations to the laws by reason of having received a visiting card. A pre-requisite to receiving such card is the payment in advance of such dues as the laws in force at the time of granting the card requires. By doing this he is allowed the card, but it gives him no other special

privilege. It certainly was not intended to exempt the holder from the same obligations imposed on other members of the Lodge, created by the amendment of its laws.

Your committee therefore recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS ROBERTSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. BENNETT, of Missouri, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the petition of five members of Amity Lodge, No. 6113, of the I. O. O. F., Manchester Unity, located at Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, asking to be constituted a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the G. L. U. S., having had the same under consideration in connection with the correspondence between the petitioners and the Grand Secretary, (page 6867, Journal of '76), respectfully report, that, not having sufficient information before them to warrant a recommendation for the granting of a charter to these brothers at this time, but recognizing the advantage and importance of the matter, recommend that the proper Grand Officers continue the correspondence with a view of establishing a Lodge so soon as the laws of the Order can be fully complied with.

Respectfully submitted,

ALF. BENNETT,      LUTHER J. GLENN,  
C. P. ELDER,      A. H. LICHTY,  
A. G. WALLING.

Rep. WALLING, of Oregon, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Petitions, to whom was referred the copy of proceedings of an informal meeting of the Past Grands, representing ten Lodges in Washington Territory, setting forth a desire to organize a Grand Lodge in said Territory, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Sire be and he is hereby authorized, on receipt of a petition in due form, with all legal requirements, to issue a dispensation for the establishment of a Grand Lodge in Washington Territory.

Respectfully submitted,

A. G. WALLING,      C. P. ELDER,  
ALF. BENNETT,      LUTHER J. GLENN,  
A. H. LICHTY.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of E. G. BUDD et als. against the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would respectfully report the following facts :

The Grand Master decided, that if a member of a Lodge dies who is not an Encampment member, the Encampment members should not appear in their regalia.

The Committee on Judiciary, while admitting the correctness of the decision, decide that it is a subject belonging to the Encampment branch of the Order. Their decision is confirmed by the Grand Lodge, and from this action an appeal is taken, not on the ground that it does not belong to the Encampment branch, but that the decision of the Grand Master was wrong, inasmuch as claimed by the appellant, it is the established custom of the Order for a brother to wear the regalia of the highest rank to which he may have attained.

Your committee are of the opinion that the right of a member to wear the regalia of the highest rank which he may have attained, does not apply to the case under consideration. A Lodge member dying is buried by the Lodge, and each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. The Encampment branch is a separate organization, and is not known at all in the Lodge. The regalia of this branch has, therefore, no place in the funeral service of a Lodge member.

Your committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Master be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of G. W. L. CROOK, et als., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would report that the points covered in this appeal are simply these:

The Grand Lodge of the United States has enacted that in certain cases a Subordinate Lodge is required to grant a dismissal certificate on application therefor. The Grand Master decided that in other cases the certificate might be applied for and the Lodge could exercise its discretion in granting or refusing it. This decision, on recommendation of the Judiciary Committee, was reversed by the Grand Lodge, and the appeal is from their action.

Your committee are of the opinion that the law in relation to the granting of dismissal certificates was intended to cover all allowable cases, and there is no authority for a Subordinate Lodge to grant dismissal certificates except as provided by said law.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of DANIEL SCHLOSS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, respectfully report that this is a case where a resolution to pay benefits was decided by the Noble Grand to be out of order, which decision was overruled by the Lodge and an

appeal taken from this action. Upon this appeal the question was raised: Can the Noble Grand draw a draft for the money notwithstanding the appeal? The Grand Master decided that he could not, and the Grand Lodge, against the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee, confirm his decision. The case comes before this Grand Lodge on an appeal from the action of the Grand Lodge. Your committee find that, according to the decision of this Grand Lodge, (Rev. Journal 1873, pp. 5803, 5804, 5945, 5953,) where State Grand Bodies have made no provision for a stay of proceedings in case of an appeal, the action of the Lodge must be carried out.

From the papers submitted to your committee, it does not appear that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee has made any provision for such stay on an appeal, but, on the contrary, has enacted that, "during the pendency on an appeal to the Grand Lodge, the appellant occupies the position that the decision of the Subordinate Lodge places him in until the decision of the Grand Lodge is had thereon."

In view of these facts, your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 1, have considered the appeal of JOHN M. HAHN and HENRY WAGNER, Past Grands, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York.

In this case, Allemania Lodge, No. 186, imposed a fine upon these members for failing to attend a funeral when they were absent from the city.

The action of said Lodge was in conformity with its By-Law; has been approved by the Grand Lodge of the State of New York, and does not conflict with any law or decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Your committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MORRIS,	J. B. KIMBALL,
C. C. KIBBEE,	M. HEISEY,
COLIN M. BOYD,	JOHN M. PRICE,
J. H. OBERLY,	G. W. HURLEY,
W. E. PRESSEY.	

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 1, have considered the appeal of GEO. A. CALLAHAN, P. G. R., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maine.

This appeal is taken for the purpose of determining whether or not the proclamation of the M. W. Grand Sire is sufficient authority for Subordinate Lodges to appear in public, in regalia, upon the anniversary of the Order.

Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from appearing in public in regalia (except funerals) unless permission be obtained from their Grand Lodge or Grand Master.

Your committee recommend that the appeal be dismissed; they also recommend that all Grand Lodges do authorize their Subordinate Lodges to observe the anniversary of the Order, 26th day of April, by public processions in regalia, or in any other appropriate manner.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM W. MORRIS,	J. B. KIMBALL,
C. C. KIBBEE,	M. HEISEY,
COLIN M. BOYD,	JOHN M. PRICE,
J. H. OBERLY,	G. W. HURLEY,
	W. E. PRESSEY.

Rep. PRICE, of Kansas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of AUGUST PREHM, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, would respectfully report:

It appears that in Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, in that jurisdiction, Bro. JOHN H. ROMPF, of that Lodge, preferred the following charge and specifications against the appellant, AUGUST PREHM, to wit:

"I, the subscriber, charge Bro. AUGUST PREHM to have abused the laws of our Lodge, viz:

1st. To have misused the benefits of this Lodge.

2d. To have been seen at work several times during his sickness."

The committee appointed to investigate the charge, registered and reported the evidence, and recommended that Bro. PREHM be suspended for one year, which recommendation was adopted by the Lodge, and Bro. PREHM was accordingly suspended for one year.

From this action of Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, Bro. PREHM appealed to the District Deputy Grand Master of his district, and from his decision to the Most Worthy Grand Master, who referred the case to the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

Upon a review of the case that Grand Body approved the action of Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, "in finding the brother guilty of fraudulently endeavoring to obtain sick benefits from said Lodge while able to attend to his usual avocation;" and that as such Lodge mistook the penalty to be inflicted in such case, (which should have been expulsion instead of suspension, under its By-Law,) directed said Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, to inflict the penalty of expulsion.

From a careful consideration of the case presented, your committee are of opinion:

1st. That the charge and specifications against Bro. AUGUST PREHM are vague, uncertain and indefinite, and that no specific offence is alleged.

2. That the evidence reported in the case does not prove the appellant guilty of the charge preferred, or of any other offence.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. AUGUST PREHM, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, be sustained, and that said Grand Lodge direct said Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, of that jurisdiction, to reinstate Bro. AUGUST PREHM to full membership in said Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. M. PRICE,	COLIN M. BOYD,
WM. W. MORRIS,	J. B. KIMBALL,
J. H. OBERLY,	G. W. HURLEY,
C. C. KIBBEE,	M. HEISEY,
	W. E. PRESSEY.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of Rep. DE GRESS, from Chile, referred to the Judiciary Committee, the undersigned beg leave to submit the following:

The facts are conceded to be substantially as follows: Upon his certificate from the Grand Lodge of Chile, Bro. DE GRESS was received as a Representative at the last session of this Grand Lodge. He has not since returned to his jurisdiction. Prior to the 1st of last January he made his report, as Grand Representative, to the Grand Lodge of Chile, and transmitted, in cipher, to the Grand Master of said jurisdiction the annual password. Subsequently, and as late as last March and April, Bro. DE GRESS corresponded with said Grand Master, and submitted to him the complications in his business matters that prevented his return home, and received the assurance that his absence would work no prejudice to him in his official relation to said Grand Lodge. His domicil in Chile has not been lost by his temporary residence in the United States. The action of the Grand Lodge of Chile in declaring his office as Grand Representative vacant, appears to have been *ex parte*, without any notice whatever to Bro. DE GRESS, and was based upon two grounds: First, his failure to return to Chile before the 1st of last January; and second, his assumed non-residence. The first is referable for its support to Article 900, White's Digest; and the second to Section 3, Article IX of the Constitution.

It is the opinion of the undersigned that said Article 900 is not applicable to the case under consideration, because of the dissimilarity of facts; and further, that said article is invalid and unconstitutional for the reasons following, to wit:

1st. By Section 1, Article IX, the office of Grand Representative is a vested right for two years; and by Section 3 of said Article, the qualifications of such officer are prescribed.

2d. The election and qualification of Bro. DE GRESS is not an open question, but concluded by the action of this Grand Body, at its last session, in admitting him to a seat as Representative.

3d. Said Article 900 prescribes an additional qualification, coupled with a forfeiture, without notice or hearing, not authorized by and incompatible with said constitutional provisions.

The undersigned, therefore, submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Bro. DE GRESS is legally and constitutionally entitled to his seat as a Representative to this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING,	M. S. DOWDEN,
SAML. F. GWINNER,	FRANK G. BEATTY,
J. HAM PERRY.	

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The minority of the Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of Chile, declaring vacant the seat of Grand Representative WILLIAM J. DE GRESS, beg leave to report:

That it appears that Rep. DE GRESS was duly enrolled as a member of this Grand Lodge at the session of 1876—See Journal, 1876, p. 6745.

On the 30th of July, 1877, the Grand Lodge of Chile, adopted the following preamble and resolution:

"WHEREAS, Grand Representative DE GRESS not having returned to his jurisdiction on or before January of the present year, and

"WHEREAS, The said Grand Representative DE GRESS being no longer a resident of this jurisdiction, be it

"Resolved, That the seat of the said Grand Representative DE GRESS in the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be, and is hereby declared vacant."

Rep. DE GRESS protests against the action of the Grand Lodge of Chile, on the ground that he is still a member of that jurisdiction; that he has been detained in the United States by important business; that he promptly sent the A. T. P. W. and his official report to the Grand Master, both of which were received, and that he came to the Grand Lodge of the United States at his own expense, and had he returned, would have done so at his own charges, and then been compelled by important business to revisit the United States.

The question is whether under these circumstances the Grand Lodge of Chile had the right to declare the seat of Rep. DE GRESS vacant?

The law bearing on this subject is as follows: "A State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, has a right to declare the seat of a Grand Representative vacant who does not return to his jurisdiction on or before the first day of January following the annual session of this R. W. Grand Lodge at which he shall represent such State, District or Territorial Grand Body, unless he shall be prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident, of which the Grand Body he represents shall be the judge."—Section 900, Digest.

This law, in the opinion of the undersigned, is conclusive on the question. Representative DE GRESS did not return to Chile on or before the first day of January following the session of 1876 of this Grand Lodge. It does not appear that his return was prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident. Of that, however, the Grand Lodge of Chile was the judge, and not this Grand Lodge. It seems, therefore, that the Grand Lodge of Chile, in the exercise of power specifically conferred upon it by a valid law of this Grand Lodge, had the right to declare the seat of Rep. DE GRESS vacant.

It will be observed that the Grand Lodge of Chile based its resolution on two grounds. One of them has already been noticed. The other ground was that Rep. DE GRESS was no longer a resident of the jurisdiction of Chile. This branch of the question is not free of difficulty. But inasmuch as in the view of the undersigned the case is concluded by the first ground above alluded to, it has not been deemed necessary to consider or express an opinion on the question of residence.

Entertaining these views, the minority of the committee is constrained to recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Chile having lawfully declared the seat of Grand Representative WILLIAM J. DE GRESS vacant, the said Representative DE GRESS is not entitled to a seat on the floor of this Grand Lodge as a member at this session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. FITZHUGH, N. W. COX,  
HORATIO WELLINGTON, GEORGE A. CUMMINGS.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the following inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut was referred, namely:

"Is it in accordance with the principles of the Order for a member of a Lodge to prosecute brothers in the civil courts for presenting charges against him in the Lodge," beg leave to report, that after a careful investigation of the subject, the committee cannot find that this Grand Lodge has ever taken any action on the special subject embraced in the foregoing interrogatory; and as this committee is confined to matters of construction of written law, (see 41st Rule of Order), there is nothing upon which it can act. The second interrogatory is dependent on the first, and as this committee cannot act on the first, the second falls with it.

The committee ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

E. H. FITZHUGH,	N. W. COX,
SAM'L F. GWINNER,	GEO. A. CUMMINGS,
M. D. HERRING,	M. S. DOWDEN,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	HORATIO WELLINGTON.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom the following inquiry emanating from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was referred, namely: "Can a Patriarch wear the prescribed street uniform at a funeral?" beg leave to report that this Grand Lodge has prescribed the regalia to be worn by brothers of the Order when attending the funeral of a deceased brother. (See Section 1638 Digest.) But the regularly prescribed regalia of the Order may be worn instead of or in connection with the funeral regalia as Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may determine. (See Sections 666, 667, 1640 Digest.) The street uniform is one to be worn on public occasions (See Section 1670c Digest,) and a funeral, we infer from what we think is a fair construction of section 1656 Digest, is such a public occasion as is contemplated by section 1670c.

We therefore answer that the question of whether the prescribed street uniform can be worn at a funeral is a matter of local regulation. It can be worn if the State Grand Jurisdiction shall so determine.

Respectfully submitted,

EDW. H. FITZHUGH,	M. D. HERRING,
HORATIO WELLINGTON,	M. S. DOWDEN,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	J. HAM PERRY,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	N. W. COX,
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS.	

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom were referred the decisions of the Grand Sire, numbered 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, submitted for your approval at this session, beg leave to report that they have carefully considered the decisions above referred to and recommend their approval.

Respectfully submitted,

EWD. H. FITZHUGH,	M. D. HERRING,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	N. W. COX,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	GEORGE A. CUMMINGS,
M. S. DOWDEN,	HORATIO WELLINGTON.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. MCLEAN, of the District of Columbia, submitting for the decision of this Grand Lodge, "whether the establishment and maintenance of libraries for the use of the Order can be included in the 'legitimate purposes of the Order,' so far as to authorize State Grand Lodges to require of the members of their Subordinates the payment of a fixed annual sum, in the shape of dues, for the establishment or support of Odd Fellows' Libraries," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report that they have been unable to find any law of the Order that expressly, or by construction, gives the power to State Grand Lodges to require of the members of their Subordinates the payment of any sum, in the shape of dues or otherwise, for the establishment or support of Odd Fellows' Libraries. They therefore report that a State Grand Jurisdiction has not the power to impose such a tax.

Respectfully submitted,

M. D. HERRING,	M. S. DOWDEN,
SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	J. HAM PERRY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,	HORATIO WELLINGTON,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	N. W. COX,
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS.	

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of instruction presented by Rep. BOYD, of California, (page 7351, Journal), with regard to a revision of the installation ceremonies for officers of Degree Lodges, beg leave to report, that in their opinion the subject matter of said communication and resolution should receive the attention of the Committee on the State of the Order, and would, therefore, ask that it be so referred, and that we be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. T. GIVEN,	JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
HENRY F. GAREY,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
J. W. STEBBINS,	S. H. BRADLEY,
STEPHEN TERRY,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
HORACE W. STICKNEY.	

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Special Committee appointed in conformity with the resolutions of Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, page 7005 of the Journal, session of 1876; of this R. W. Grand Body, would respectfully report that they have carefully considered the subject referred to them, and believing it to be highly necessary, and indeed very essential, to produce uniformity, and also to correct the singular

anomaly and evident inconsistency at present existing and operative by our "Book of Forms" for processions, and relating to recognition of title and assignment of position according to rank, etc., beg leave to submit herewith amended forms for processions, etc., and would ask for the same, together with the following resolutions, the favorable consideration of this R. W. Grand Body:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish (under the supervision of the Committee on Printing Supplies) in one volume, 18mo., with proper title, the amended Forms for Public and Funeral Processions, Dedicating Halls, and Laying Corner Stones, and the Funeral Service, as hereby approved and adopted, together with such other forms or parts of forms not inconsistent therewith, as may have been prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in such number and style as in the judgment of the R. W. Grand Secretary may be deemed requisite and expedient, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum necessary to defray the cost of the same.

*Resolved*, That the volume shall be disposed of by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the rate of 75 cents per copy to Jurisdictions, and \$1 per copy to Encampments and Lodges, in the usual form, after previous notice by the Grand Secretary of his readiness to furnish them.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. GIVEN. JOHN B. HARMON,  
CHARLES N. HICKOK, J. P. SANDERS.

#### FORM 1.

In all processions of the Order, the following forms shall be observed. If by a Subordinate Lodge, the Patriarchal branch not participating, the procession shall form as follows:

MUSIC.

MARSHAL.

OUTSIDE GUARDIAN,  
(With drawn Sword.)

ESCORT.— BANNER. —ESCORT.

SCENE SUPPORTERS,  
(Bearing White Wands.)

INITIATORY, WHITE, PINK, ROYAL BLUE, GREEN, AND SCARLET  
DEGREE MEMBERS,  
(Two or four abreast.)

PAST GRANDS,

(In order of Juniority, those having the Royal Purple Degree in the rear.)

INSIDE GUARDIAN,  
(With drawn Sword.)

CONDUCTOR,— CHAPLAIN, —WARDEN,  
(Bearing his Wand.) (With White Scarf.) (Bearing the Axe.)

SECRETARY. TREASURER. SECRETARY.

SUPPORTER,— VICE GRAND, —SUPPORTER,  
(Bearing his Wand of Office.) (With Gavel.) (Bearing his Wand of Office.)

SUPPORTER,— NOBLE GRAND, —SUPPORTER,  
(Bearing his Wand of Office.) (With Gavel.) (Bearing his Wand of Office.)

## FORM 2.

If by a Subordinate Lodge, members of the Patriarchal branch participating, the procession shall form as follows:

MUSIC.

MARSHAL.

OUTSIDE GUARDIAN.

(With drawn Sword.)

ESCORT.— BANNER. —ESCORT.

SCENE SUPPORTERS,

(Bearing White Wands.)

INITIATORY, WHITE, PINK, ROYAL BLUE, GREEN, AND SCARLET DEGREE MEMBERS,

(Two or four abreast.)

MEMBERS OF THE SCARLET DEGREE, WHO HAVE TAKEN THE PATRIARCHAL DEGREES,

(In order of Juniority.)

PAST GRANDS,

(Not possessing the Patriarchal Degrees.)

PAST GRANDS, WHO ARE MEMBERS OF THE PATRIARCHAL BRANCH,

(According to Rank and Seniority.)

INSIDE GUARDIAN.

(With drawn Sword.)

CONDUCTOR,— CHAPLAIN, —WARDEN,

(Bearing his Wand.) (With White Scarf.) (Bearing the Axe.)

SECRETARY. TREASURER. SECRETARY.

SUPPORTER,— VICE GRAND, —SUPPORTER,

(Bearing his Wand of Office.) (With Gavel.) (Bearing his Wand of Office.)

SUPPORTER,— NOBLE GRAND, —SUPPORTER,

(Bearing his Wand of Office.) (With Gavel.) (Bearing his Wand of Office.)

## FORM 3.

If an Encampment turns out as an Encampment, it shall form in the following order :

MUSIC.

MARSHAL.

OUTSIDE SENTINEL,  
(With drawn Sword.)

ESCORT.—

BANNER.

—ESCORT.

MEMBERS IN ORDER OF JUNIORITY,  
(Two or four abreast.)

PAST OFFICERS IN ORDER OF SENIORITY,  
(Unless the Grand Encampment is out.)

INSIDE SENTINEL,  
(With drawn Sword.)

JUNIOR WARDEN AND GUIDE.

SCRIBE.

TREASURER.

SCRIBE.

FOURTH WATCH.

SENIOR WARDEN.

THIRD WATCH.

GUARD OF TENT,  
(With Spear.)

HIGH PRIEST.

GUARD OF TENT,  
(With Spear.)

SECOND WATCH.

CHIEF PATRIARCH.

FIRST WATCH.

## FORM 4.

When a Grand Lodge is in procession it shall form in the following order, and take position in the rear of the Subordinate branch :

MUSIC.

GRAND MARSHAL.

ESCORT.—

BANNER,  
(Carried by the Grand Herald.)

—ESCORT.

GRAND GUARDIAN,  
(With drawn Sword.)

PAST GRANDS AND PAST OFFICERS,  
(In order of Seniority.)

GRAND SECRETARY. GRAND TREASURER.

GRAND CONDUCTOR. GRAND CHAPLAIN. GRAND WARDEN.

Supported by a P.G.M., DEPUTY GRAND MASTER Supported by . P.G.M.

Supported by a G. Representative. GRAND MASTER. Supported by a G. Representative.

## FORM 5.

When a Grand Encampment is in procession it shall take precedence, and the Grand Marshal thereof shall control the procession, in which case he will be in front of the procession.

## MUSIC.

## GRAND MARSHAL.

ESCORT.— BANNER. —ESCORT.  
(Carried by the Grand Outside Sentinel )

GRAND SENTINEL,  
(With drawn Sword.)

MEMBERS OF THE GRAND ENCAMPMENT AND PAST OFFICERS,  
(In order of Seniority.)

GRAND JUNIOR WARDEN. GRAND SENIOR WARDEN.

GRAND SCRIBE. GRAND TREASURER.

PAST H. PRIEST, M. E. GRAND H. PRIEST. PAST H. PRIEST,  
(Bearing Crook.) (Bearing Crook.)

G. Representative. M. W. GRAND PATRIARCH. G. Representative.

## FORM 6.

In case the Grand Encampment, Grand Lodge and Subordinates of both branches are in procession, the following shall be the order:

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

GRAND LODGE.

GRAND ENCAMPMENT.

If there is no Grand Encampment, but a Subordinate Encampment, the procession shall form as follows:

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENT.

GRAND LODGE.

If a Subordinate Lodge turns out, as in forms 1 or 2, with a Grand Lodge, they will form:

SUBORDINATE LODGE.

GRAND LODGE.

## FORM 7.

## LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF AN ODD FELLOWS' HALL.

The present ceremony will be used.

If a Grand Encampment participates, the ceremony shall be performed by the Grand Patriarch, or a Past Grand Patriarch.

If a Grand Encampment does not participate, and a Grand Lodge does, the Grand Master or a Past Grand Master shall perform the ceremony.

If a Subordinate Encampment participates with or without a Subordinate Lodge, the Chief Patriarch or a Past Chief Patriarch shall perform the ceremony.

If a Subordinate Lodge, accompanied by members of the Patriarchal branch, as in forms 1 and 2, the Noble Grand or a Past Noble Grand shall officiate.

Should the ceremony be performed by the Grand Sire, or his Deputy, the title of that officer should be substituted for Grand Patriarch or Grand Master, as the case may be.

An officer, duly commissioned, and officiating for a Grand Patriarch, or a Grand Master, or as Chief Patriarch, or Noble Grand, shall be addressed by the title of the officer he represents.

*The above regulations apply to the dedication of Odd Fellows' Halls or Lodge Rooms.*

## LAYING THE CORNER-STONE OF A PUBLIC BUILDING.

The present form, etc., shall be observed so far as relates to the duties of the officers of the Lodge, but when the Patriarchal or Grand Bodies participate, the form as here prescribed, shall be adhered to; provided, that when the owner or manager of any building has invited a Grand Master or a Past Grand Master to lay the corner-stone of such building, said Grand Master or Past Grand Master, and the branch of the Order which he represents, shall have precedence.

If the ceremony is conducted by a Grand Encampment or a Subordinate Encampment, the Grand Scribe or Scribe, as the case may be, shall carry the documents, etc., for deposit in the box, and the Grand Treasurer or Treasurer, as the case may be, shall carry the box to be deposited in the corner-stone.

The Grand High Priest or High Priest, as the case may be, shall carry the open Bible, on which is laid a wreath of flowers; the Grand Senior Warden or Senior Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing water, and the Grand Junior Warden or Junior Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing wheat. The Grand Patriarch or Chief Patriarch, as the case may be, shall bear a crook.

If the ceremony is conducted by a Grand Lodge or a Subordinate Lodge, the Grand Secretary or the Secretary, as the case may be, shall carry the documents, etc., for deposit in the box. The Grand Treasurer or Treasurer, as the case may be, shall carry the box to be deposited in the corner-stone.

The Grand Chaplain or Chaplain, as the case may be, shall carry the open Bible, on which is laid a wreath of flowers; the Grand Warden or Warden, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing water, and the Grand Conductor or Conductor, as the case may be, shall carry a silver vessel containing wheat. The Grand Master or Noble Grand, as the case may be, shall bear a gavel.

## FORM 8.

Funeral processions shall form in the manner prescribed, (forms 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 as the case may be,) and precedence shall be observed as set forth in each case.

## REGALIA.

The Regalia to be worn by all brothers of the Order, when attending the funeral of a deceased brother, shall be as follows:

1st. A black crape rosette, having a centre of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained, to be worn on the left breast; above it a sprig of evergreen, and below it (if the wearer be an Elective or Past Officer), the jewel or jewels which, as such, he may be entitled to wear.

2d. The ordinary mourning badge to be worn by brothers in memory of a deceased brother, shall be a strip of black crape passed through one button-hole only of the left lapel of the coat, and tied with a narrow ribbon of the color of the highest degree to which the bearer may have attained.

[NOTE.—The several State Grand Encampments and Grand Lodges may, at their discretion, permit the usual regalia of the Order to be worn at funerals, either in connection with or as a substitute for the simple regalia above described].

On such occasions, the Marshal shall wear a black scarf, and bear a baton bound with black crape.

The Outside Guardian shall bear a red wand bound with black crape.

The Scene Supporters shall bear white wands bound with black crape.

The Inside Guardian shall bear the regalia and insignia, indicating the rank in the Order of the deceased brother.

The Supporters of the Vice Grand shall bear their wands of office, bound with black crape.

The Chaplain shall wear a white scarf.

The Warden shall bear the axe, bound with black crape.

The Conductor shall bear his wand of office, bound with black crape, and the Supporters of the Noble Grand shall each bear their wands of office, bound with black crape.

Invited brethren will take places with the members of the Lodge, according to their rank. The Lodges, when more than one attend, shall be arranged in order of juniority, preceding the Lodge conducting the ceremonies.

On arriving at the place appointed for the starting of the funeral, the brothers shall take position in the above order, immediately before the corpse, and shall precede it to the place of interment.

On arriving at such place of interment, the brothers shall open right and left, and allow the corpse, mourners, &c., to pass through, the brothers on either side standing uncovered, the hat held in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other. And after the passing of the corpse, mourners, &c., between the two lines, the brothers shall re-form in procession after them in reversed order, and close the procession into and within the place of interment.

After the performance of such religious service as the friends of the deceased may cause to be there performed, and before the final closing of the grave, the brothers shall form silently, and as nearly as may be according to the order above set forth, uncovered, the hat in the left hand of each, and joining hands with each other in one or more circles, as regular as the nature of the ground may admit, around the grave, when the Chaplain, or in default of a Chaplain, the Noble Grand may address the brothers and offer up a prayer, or may address the brethren without the offering of a prayer; and after such address or prayer, or both, or if there be no address or prayer, then, after a pause suited to the solemnity of the occasion, the Noble Grand shall advance singly to the head of the grave, and cast into it with the right hand, the sprig of evergreen from his regalia, and shall return to his place; whereupon, the brothers, from left to right, in regular succession, and in such numbers at a time as not to cause confusion, shall advance to the grave, shall cast into it (each with the right hand,) the sprig of evergreen from their regalia, and shall return to their place.

And after all have done this, the brothers shall silently re-form into proces-

sion according to the order observed in coming to the place of interment, and shall return in such order to the Lodge room, where the N. G., or other proper officer, shall declare the funeral ceremonies to be closed.

If at the time of his death, the deceased brother was a member of an Encampment, the Encampment may attend the funeral in a body, in order similar to that prescribed for Lodges, and shall take the position in line designated; and the funeral ceremonies shall be conducted by the subordinate Encampment or Lodge, except that if the brother was a past or present elective officer of a Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, then the ceremonies may be conducted by such Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

#### FUNERAL SERVICE.

We are assembled, my brethren, to render the last office which the living may minister to the dead.

Man is born to die. The coffin, the grave, the sepulchre, speak to us in language that cannot be misunderstood, however unheeded it may be, of "man's latter end."

Youth, in its harmlessness and comparative innocence, and manhood, with its wonted vigor and pride of strength, are not more exempt than decrepid and tottering age from the fixed law of being, which dedicates all that is mortal to decay and death. This truth is inscribed in the great volume of nature upon its every page. The beautiful and the sublime which the handiwork of the Creator displays on every side, fearfully associate the unerring certainty of the end of all things, amid the vividness of the moral which they are ever suggesting to the contemplative mind. Day after day we are called upon to follow our fellow-creatures to that bourne from whence no traveller returns; but from the house of mourning we go forth again to mingle in the crowded world, heedless, perhaps, of the precarious tenure of life and the certainty of that end to which all flesh is rapidly tending. He who gives the vigor of body, without warning paralyzes the stout heart and strikes down the athletic frame. The living of to-day become the dead of the morrow.

Men appear upon and disappear from the stage of life, as wave meets wave and parts upon the troubled waters. "In the midst of life we are in death." He whose lips now echo these tones of solemn warning, in turn will be stilled in the cold and cheerless house of the dead, and in the Providence of God none may escape.

Let us, then, so far improve the lesson as to be prepared for that change which leads to life eternal.

#### PRAYER.

Our Father and our God, who art the resurrection and the life, in whom whosoever believeth, shall live though he die, and whosoever liveth and believeth in Thee shall not die—hear, we beseech Thee, the voice of Thy creatures here assembled, and turn not away from our supplication.

We humbly beseech Thee so to imbue us with a conviction of our entire helplessness and dependence upon Thee, that we may be brought to meditate upon the uncertainty of life and the certainty of death. In the dispensation of Thy Providence, Thou hast summoned from amongst us our brother, and we, the surviving monuments of Thy mercy, are gathered together to commit his remains to the earth. Give, O God, we beseech Thee, Thy Holy Spirit to us, whom Thou hast spared; increase our knowledge, and confirm our faith in Thee forever.

[Bless and comfort, we pray Thee, those whom it has pleased Thee to add to

the number of the disconsolate ; buoy them up under this heavy stroke ; sustain them against despondency. O ! wilt Thou be their Father and their God, and pour down from on high Thy blessings upon their heads.] Bless, O Heavenly Father ! the brethren here assembled ; imbue them with the wisdom of Thy laws, and draw them unto Thee by the cords of Thy inestimable love ; impress them with their duty to each other as brethren, and their obligations in the various relations of human life ; and, finally, bless our beloved Order throughout the globe. Preserve its principles and its purposes from innovation ; sustain it from the shafts of enmity ; protect it from self-immolation, and shield it from all evil, and unto Thee we shall render the praise, forever. Amen.

[NOTE.—Encampments and Lodges are privileged to use the foregoing Funeral Service and Prayer, or that in the " Book of Forms ;" but such form as may be selected must be strictly adhered to].

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on that subject, presented the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Special Committee on Dues and Benefits report :

The payment of a stipulated sum weekly to a brother when sick, being one of the original fundamental characteristics of the Order, deserves all necessary attention that it may be successfully preserved and maintain its pre-eminence over all mere donation practices, which are without system, and depend upon spasmodic actions or the whims or caprices of those who for the time being have control of the funds. Odd Fellowship has ever pointed with just pride to its systemized beneficence, wherein the proper spirit, the self-respect, and the manhood of the recipient of its benefits have been preserved, and it is believed that with the now recognized and acknowledged defects of the system of abuses that are sometimes perpetrated under it, that it is the best system that has ever been devised, and that nothing now known combines so much of system, or has as many unalloyed advantages as Odd Fellowship combines in its system of dues and benefits. The system as now recognized is the result of slow growth toward its perfect development ; a just and equitable distribution of the burdens that sickness imposes upon individual members—upon the entire membership of a Lodge.

As the principle of self-government in the Lodges lies at the foundation of Odd Fellowship, and the system of dues and benefits has been established thereby, it is self-evident that proper action in the Lodges depends upon the information and the intelligence of the membership to disseminate the information that has been and is now being acquired by the experience of the Order ; it therefore becomes a primary duty that the Grand Lodge owes to the membership, unless the Grand Lodge is prepared to enact scales of dues and benefits based upon scientific principles, that will ensure the solvency of Lodges and the fulfillment of the obligations to the fullest extent to the members, that regarding the subject in the light of a contract, it shall be faithfully performed by the parties in interest.

The subject of the average of sickness is engaging the attention of others. Dr. Reginald Southey, in his lecture on Individual Hygiene, presents a long array of facts and figures, from which he deduces the average illness of man in the various stages of life.

The following is his table showing the number of days of sickness annually that may be expected among men of a certain age :

At 20 years.....	4 days
At 25 to 35 years.....	5 to 6 days
At 45 years.....	7 days
At 50 years.....	9 to 10 days
At 55 years.....	12 to 13 days
At 60 years.....	16 days
At 65 years.....	31 days
At 70 years.....	74 days

The object of the Order is not to ascertain the average illness of man so much as, after making due allowance for selected lives, arrears of the membership and other disqualifying causes, to ascertain the number of weeks' benefits that are annually paid to those who are entitled to receive them under the laws of the Order, in order that provision may be made to meet the demands as they accrue during the lives of the members.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary reports, that 230,377 weeks' benefits have been paid during the past year. The membership is reported at 453,903, so that if the sickness was distributed through the membership, each member would have been sick three days and thirteen hours.

The following table shows how the sickness has been distributed among the various jurisdictions, viz:

JURISDICTION.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	JURISDICTION.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.
Alabama .....	227	Mississippi .....	294
Arkansas.....	313	Missouri .....	4,324
British Columbia.....	264	Montana .....	58
California.....	11,357	Nebraska .....	327
Chile .....	28	Nevada .....	915
Colorado .....	433	New Hampshire.....	2,834
Connecticut.....	3,240	New Jersey.....	11,570
Dakota .....	40	New York.....	18,467
Delaware .....	1,710	North Carolina.....	357
District of Columbia.....	1,855	Ohio .....	23,370
Florida .....	29	Ontario.....	4,290
Georgia.....	455	Oregon .....	791
Illinois .....	7,852	Pennsylvania.....	65,167
Indiana .....	12,228	Rhode Island.....	10,371
Iowa .....	3,956	South Carolina.....	95
Kansas.....	1,243	Switzerland.....	81
Kentucky.....	4,120	Tennessee .....	1,106
Louisiana.....	432	Texas.....	1,345
Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	398	Utah .....	30
Maine .....	4,871	Vermont.....	204
Maryland.....	12,636	Virginia .....	2,747
Massachusetts.....	8,848	West Virginia.....	1,536
Michigan .....	1,345	Wisconsin .....	1,781
Minnesota .....	437	*Wyoming.....	
			230,377

\*Not reported.

In the Encampment branch of the Order, with a membership of 86,999, there have been 30,495 weeks' benefits paid, and if the sickness was distributed, pro rata among the members, it would appear that each member has been sick two days, ten hours and fifty-three minutes. The distribution of the sickness among the various jurisdictions has been reported as follows:

JURISDICTION.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.	JURISDICTION.	No. of weeks' benefits paid.
Alabama .....	15	Missouri .....	368
Arkansas.....	4	Nebraska .....	34
California.....	1,468	Nevada .....	128
*Colorado .....		New Hampshire.....	851
Connecticut.....	586	New Jersey.....	1,533
Delaware .....	447	*New York.....	
District of Columbia.....	343	*North Carolina.....	
Georgia.....	93	*Ohio .....	
Illinois.....	658	Ontario .....	690
Indiana.....	2,681	*Oregon .....	
Iowa.....	371	Pennsylvania.....	12,254
*Kansas .....		Rhode Island.....	512
Kentucky .....	881	*South Carolina.....	
Louisiana .....	75	Tennessee.....	80
Maine.....	1,472	Texas .....	77
Maryland.....	2,522	*Vermont .....	
Massachusetts.....	1,480	Virginia.....	463
*Michigan .....		West Virginia.....	313
Minnesota.....	19	Wisconsin .....	17
Mississippi .....	60		
			30,495

\*Not reported.

The committee have consulted the Journals of the several Grand Bodies so far as they have been obtained, and are gratified to notice that the subject is beginning to awaken that attention that its importance demands, and that many instances have occurred in Lodges and in Encampments where a better relationship between dues and benefits have been established, and the important fact is dawning upon the minds of the members that benefits are governed by the law of values, and their payment depends not alone upon the By-Laws, but upon the amount of weekly dues and the Reserve Fund of the Lodge. Undoubtedly, some good has already been accomplished by the Grand Lodge through the facts that have been collected and published.

Seven of the oldest Lodges in the jurisdiction of Maryland report 2363 weeks' benefits paid, among a membership of 1964, being a pro rata of sickness of each member, if distributed, of eight days, one hour and twenty-six minutes, showing how in the parent jurisdiction the voice of experience is speaking in warning tones to young Lodges to increase their savings and safely husband them, for the time will inevitably come when every dollar will be needed by the members. It is scarcely necessary to call attention to the fact that the average of sickness in those seven Lodges is considerably more than double the general average, but that eventually it will be the approximate average of every Lodge. Time brings its burdens.

In Pennsylvania considerable attention has been paid to this subject, and

from the journals of that vast jurisdiction the following has been compiled. The Grand Secretary speaks as follows:

"The semi-annual reports in relation to the number of weeks' sickness in each Lodge have been carefully collated, and the facts grouped and classified so as to make them available for consultation and reference, in the hope that at length the attention of the Order will be attracted by the lessons of the wisdom of forethought and prudence that they inculcate upon the one hand, and the folly of short-sighted selfishness on the other."

"The following analysis of the semi-annual reports is respectfully submitted. The table exhibits the number of weeks' sickness in every one hundred members, calculated on the average of every fifty Lodges, and also on the average of every hundred Lodges, beginning at No. 1 and ending with No. 948:

Lodges numbering from	First Term.	Second Term.	Total weeks' sickness.	No. of members.	Weeks' sickness each 50 Lodges, every 100 men.	Weeks' sickness every 100 Lodges, every 100 members.
No. No.						
1 to 50 inclusive	5370	5218	10588	8714	121.51	105.44
51 " 100 "	3846	3995	7841	8772	89.39	
101 " 150 "	3274	3492	6766	7264	93.14	
151 " 200 "	2354	2414	4768	6403	74.47	83.81
201 " 250 "	2372	2429	4801	6125	78.38	
251 " 300 "	2262	2309	4571	5141	88.91	83.64
301 " 350 "	2268	1915	4183	5279	79.24	
351 " 400 "	1806	1648	3454	5209	66.31	72.77
401 " 450 "	1314	1305	2619	4138	63.29	
451 " 500 "	1458	1550	3008	4334	68.90	66.10
501 " 550 "	1231	1361	2592	4426	58.56	
551 " 600 "	1318	1134	2452	4225	58.04	58.30
601 " 650 "	600	428	1028	3192	32.21	
651 " 700 "	976	930	1906	4224	45.36	38.77
701 " 750 "	936	682	1618	3677	44.	
751 " 800 "	617	630	1247	3060	40.75	42.38
801 " 850 "	323	611	934	2969	31.46	
851 " 900 "	302	489	791	2981	26.55	29.01
901 " 918 "	*			1575		

\*Not beneficial.

"General average per one hundred members, 64.47.

General average of sickness in 1873.....	62.25
" " 1874.....	62.91
" " 1875.....	67.22
" " 1876.....	64.47

"Showing that the general average of sickness among the members of the Order drawing benefits for the past four years was 64.21 weeks to every one hundred members; or, in other words, if the sickness had been equally divided among the membership, each member would have been sick four days, eleven hours and thirty-six minutes each year.

"The comparison of the annual general averages should command attention. They show unmistakably that there are general laws to be deduced from health statistics, that can be made as scientific in their application as those based upon vital statistics. Whoever can effect their recognition by the entire brotherhood, will confer the greatest boon upon the Order that it has received since its successful establishment.

"The average sickness in the first fifty Lodges for the past four years was as follows:

In 1873,	98.23	for each 100 members.
" 1874,	98.20	" "
" 1875,	107.43	" "
" 1876,	121.51	" "

"The average sickness in the first hundred Lodges for the past four years was, as follows:

In 1873,	87.65	for each 100 members.
" 1874,	88.78	" "
" 1875,	95.82	" "
" 1876,	105.44	" "

"Thus, step by step does the average mount up, year after year as the Lodges grow older, yet the lesson that the above teaches will, it is feared, not be heeded, and the members will continue to go on in despite of all prudential considerations, closing their eyes to the future, and not making provision for the inevitable demands of age until it is too late to make the attempt. Bitter will be the disappointment, and crushed the hopes of many now sanguine and inconsiderate, who will not pause to reflect upon what the experience of the Order demonstrates. Brothers can do no more profitable work for their Lodges than to present the facts relating to a proper relationship between dues and benefits, mastering the important principles to be gathered from a study of the subject, educating themselves and their associates until there is a general recognition of the laws, and ample provision made for the inevitable demands upon the resources of the Lodge.

"The doing away with funeral assessments, and covering the payment of funeral benefits by the weekly dues, whilst it has been a convenience to the secretaries and to the members, has in many cases materially depleted the treasuries, and weakened the resources of the Lodges. Members are willing enough to do away with the funeral assessments, but in too many cases not willing to pay the additional amount of weekly dues requisite to cover the losses as they occur. The promise to pay a certain amount upon the death of a member, is simply an insurance upon his life. The cost of that can be computed by reference to the tables of any first-class life insurance company, and ascertaining the average age of the members of the Lodge. If the rate fixed in the weekly dues is under 40 per cent. less than the life insurance rates, the Lodge is simply promising more than it can eventually perform.

"The increasing adoption of By-Laws reducing benefits after a certain period of sickness, whilst no doubt in some cases an expedient to meet a special case by a general law, is in others a necessity arising out of an impoverished treasury, a direct acknowledgment of the fact that the weekly dues have been too small to meet the claims which time has brought upon the Lodge. In many Lodges the amount paid in by members who have eventually been suspended for non-payment of dues, is equal to the entire reserve fund—the capital of the Lodge—out of which the present membership is to be assisted.

"The collection of information upon the subject of sickness in other jurisdictions, confirms materially the experience in this. An able committee, appointed by the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, made a thorough analysis of the reports of the Lodges in that jurisdiction, and when differences of climate and occupation are taken into consideration, the differences in the results are scarcely appreciable. In the Grand Lodge of Virginia a proposition has been submitted, which in substance prohibits Lodges from promising to pay more than one-third of the amount fixed as weekly dues, for benefits—the dues being cents and the benefits dollars. That is to say, for fifteen cents dues, five dollars benefits; for twelve cents dues, four dollars benefits; for nine cents dues, three dollars benefits. In fact, experience and observation are strengthening the opinion expressed two

years ago—that a Lodge with an average membership, as to numbers, age, and healthful pursuits, having in view the faithful performance of its obligations in the future, cannot safely promise to pay the members five dollars per week as benefits when sick, for less than fifteen cents weekly dues.

"In order to compare the amount paid in Pennsylvania for the relief of members, with that paid in other jurisdictions, not by the aggregate amounts, but by a per capita, or individual comparison, the following table of relative relief per member, is submitted:

TABLE OF RELATIVE RELIEF.

British Columbia.....	\$7 62	New Hampshire.....	\$2 51
California.....	7 59	Colorado .....	2 17
Nevada .....	6 93	Wisconsin .....	2 01
District of Columbia.....	6 37	Illinois .....	2 00
Maryland .....	6 32	Georgia .....	1 82
Delaware.....	5 24	Texas.....	1 82
Oregon.....	5 21	Kansas .....	1 80
Virginia .....	4 95	South Carolina.....	1 78
Louisiana.....	4 47	Wyoming.....	1 76
New Jersey.....	4 41	Alabama .....	1 71
Pennsylvania .....	4 07	Ontario .....	1 70
New York .....	3 70	Florida.....	1 55
Connecticut .....	3 45	Minnesota.....	1 53
Rhode Island.....	3 43	Mississippi .....	1 38
Kentucky .....	3 23	Arkansas .....	1 32
Maine .....	3 16	Iowa.....	1 26
Indiana .....	2 99	Michigan .....	1 13
Tennessee .....	2 96	Vermont .....	1 07
Utah .....	2 94	Chile.....	1 06
West Virginia .....	2 93	North Carolina.....	1 04
Montana .....	2 90	Nebraska .....	1 02
Missouri .....	2 88	Lower Provinces, B. N. A.....	0 98
Massachusetts .....	2 70	Switzerland .....	0 75
Ohio .....	2 68	Dakota.....	0 62

Notwithstanding so much has been written upon this important subject, there are thousands of members who have never read, or ever heard read, a line upon the subject. The reports, when printed, are too often received and filed away, without probably more than two or three members of the Lodge looking over them, and the majority do not know that the Grand Lodge has collected an invaluable mass of statistics during the past four years, the application of which to the financial system of each Lodge, would place it upon an enduring basis, and give to each member the comforting assurance of the ability of the Lodge to help him during his natural life, when sick or in need.

Bro. RICHARD J. JONES, Grand Master of North Carolina, in his report, remarks:

"There is probably no question which affects the permanency of our Order so much (to be as little understood) as a proper basis upon which to estimate the ratio which the WEEKLY DUES should bear to the WEEKLY BENEFITS. That this question is not thoroughly understood may be accounted for from the fact that our members have never given the subject that full consideration which it demands, and without which it cannot be thoroughly understood.

"As well might a life insurance company undertake to do a successful business, without the aid of an actuary's table, or ever enquiring into the death rate of the human family, as for a society to undertake to pay a given amount of 'sick benefits' per week, for a given amount of weekly dues, without knowing the SICK RATE of the State or community in which it expects to operate.

"The recent agitation of this subject has disclosed the startling fact that we have been groping our way in the dark, and that the only thing that has saved our Order from bankruptcy has been the sudden influx of members into the Order, and then the large number suspended for non-payment of dues, together with the fact that many never claimed their benefits."

A very able and sound report, by C. T. CAMPBELL, of Ontario, upon the subject of dues and benefits, has been placed in the hands of the committee. It is based upon the principle of dues increasing with age, as the law of the Manchester Unity, I. O. O. F., England, upon the subject, and is, no doubt, the soundest and most stable system. In a young jurisdiction it would be wisdom to adopt it, but in our older jurisdictions it would be extremely difficult if not impossible to introduce it. The best that we can now do is to adopt a system based upon the average age of man, so that the young man must necessarily pay more than he ought to, in order that he shall be called upon to pay less than he ought to when he advances in age, and thus relieve the aged members of old Lodges from the burdens that some of our old Lodges are now staggering under. The time of comparative youth would thus be the time to acquire strength and the resources to meet the demands of age.

It is hoped that sufficient facts, and rational deductions therefrom, have been presented in this report to engage the attention and lead to a study of the subject until so many have mastered it, that the proper, just and equitable relation will be established in all the Lodges and Encampments.

The committee, although it has no desire to continue in the performance of the duties assigned to it, and would willingly be released from the labor, yet in view of the good that may yet be accomplished, personal considerations yield to a sense of duty, and the committee therefore respectfully present the following for the consideration of the Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That vacancies in the committee be filled by the M. W. Grand Sire, and the committee be continued.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. NICHOLSON,  
JOHN B. HARMON,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
M. S. DOWDEN.

Rep. BLOCK, of Iowa, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the Constitution and By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, at Amsterdam, Holland, beg leave to report that they have examined and considered the same, and submit that the provision contained in Section 3, Article II of said Constitution, "that an applicant for membership by deposit of card should be declared elected upon the favorable vote of a majority, if the card deposited was issued by the Lodge in which it was deposited," is in violation of law. (Section 1201a of White's Digest.)

The manuscript submitted to the committee is in the Dutch language, and hence the action of the committee, (but one of its members having a limited knowledge of said language), in recommending the approval of said Constitution and By-Laws, is to a great extent based upon the certificate thereto attached, of D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM, that he has carefully examined the same and found them correct.

The committee therefore submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution and By-Laws of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, of

Amsterdam, Holland, excepting only that part of Section 3, Article II, above referred to, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN BLOCK,	O. W. OVIATT,
JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
D. W. BRERETON,	J. F. COTHRAN,
	J. W. SMITH.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Montana, respectfully submit that they have examined the same, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Montana, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	J. F. COTHRAN,
D. W. BRERETON,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
HERMAN BLOCK,	O. W. OVIATT,
	J. W. SMITH.

Rep. OVIATT, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Michigan; also, the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Michigan, have duly considered the same, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. OVIATT,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
JOHN E. BELL,	D. W. BRERETON,
J. F. COTHRAN,	HERMAN BLOCK,
	J. W. SMITH.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, have fully and carefully considered the same, and would recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	J. F. COTHRAN,
O. W. OVIATT,	J. W. SMITH,
HERMAN BLOCK,	D. W. BRERETON,
	S. T. GRISAMORE.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have had under consideration the Constitution and By-Laws of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, located at Montreal.

Article 10 of the By-Laws says that the Noble Grand, "in cases of urgent necessity, shall have power to grant a visiting card at any time on the certificate of the Permanent Secretary."

White's Digest, Section 234, specifies that "officers of Lodges and Encampments cannot grant visiting cards in recess."

We submit the following:

*Resolved*, That that portion of Article 10 of the By-Laws, above quoted, be stricken out, and the Constitution and By-Laws of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, of Montreal, thus amended, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL, HERMAN BLOCK,  
S. T. GRISAMORE, J. W. SMITH,  
J. F. COTHRAN, D. W. BRERETON,  
O. W. OVIATT.

Rep. PRESSEY, of Maine, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of EDGAR WHITLOCK, P. G., against the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, sustaining the decision holding that D. D. G. Masters had the right and power to instruct the Marshal to examine the brothers present in the password of the Past Noble Grand's Degree and the password and explanation of the current term, would respectfully report:

The questions raised by the appeal embrace the organization of District Grand Committees and the conferring of the "Past Official Degrees."

The conferring of the Past Official Degrees has, by the law of this Grand Lodge, been very wisely left to the State Grand Bodies with power to authorize D. D. G. Masters to confer them at any time, or direct them to be conferred in any other manner.

The jurisdiction of New York has, by its Constitution, provided for the organization of District Grand Committees, composed of all the Past Grands of the district who have received the Past Official Degrees, presided over by the D. D. G. Master. In that Body the D. D. G. Masters confer the Past Official Degrees upon certificates of qualification therefor.

The questions raised by the appeal are:

1st. Has the D. D. G. Master the right to demand the P. W. of the P. N. G. Degree as a means of gaining admission to the District Committee meeting?

2d. Has he a right also to demand the P. W. and explanation of the current term, while there is no affirmative law upon that subject?

Your committee are of opinion that he has the right, for, as presiding officer, he is bound to know that those present at the meetings are qualified to sit there. There is no other certain method for him to ascertain the fact. The possession of the P. W. of the P. N. Grand's Degree, proves the brother to have taken the obligation, and to have been instructed therein.

The P. W., and explanation of the T. P. W., proves him to be in good standing in his Subordinate Lodge.

Your committee therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of EDGAR WHITLOCK, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York, be dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. E. PRESSEY, WM. W. MORRIS, COLIN M. BOYD, J. H. OBERLY,	J. B. KIMBALL, M. HEISEY, JNO. M. PRICE, G. W. HURLEY.
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Rep. HEISEY, of Iowa, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table, under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of the appeal of P. G. Rep. JOHN MEDOLE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree at other time and place than at the hall where its sessions are held, your committee would report that, in its opinion, the action of the Grand Lodge of New York is in conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. It therefore recommends the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of P. G. Rep. JOHN MEDOLE against the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, be and the same is hereby sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

M. HEISEY, JOHN H. OBERLY, WM. W. MORRIS, G. W. HURLEY,	COLIN M. BOYD, CHAS. C. KIBBEE, J. B. KIMBALL, W. E. PRESSEY, JOHN M. PRICE.
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Rep. BLANKS, of Virginia, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance respectfully report that they have very carefully examined the books of the Right Worthy Grand Corresponding Secretary and Right Worthy Grand Treasurer, which they find to be systematically kept in a business-like manner. The disbursements of the R. W. Grand Treasurer are sustained by proper vouchers exhibited to, and examined by your committee. The R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary acknowledges the receipt during the fiscal year ending August 31, 1877, on account of Representative Tax, Sales of U. S. Bonds, Interest on Bonds, &c., \$43,754.42, which amount he has paid over to the R. W. Grand Treasurer as per that officer's receipts.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer's account presents the following aggregate:  
 Balance on hand August 31, 1876.....\$11,436 85  
 Received from R. W. Grand Corresponding Secretary, to August 31,  
 1877..... 43,754 42

Disbursements as per vouchers..... \$55,191 27  
 ..... 41,716 36

Cash, balance on hand, August 31, 1877.....\$13,474 91

Which amount is now on deposit in the National Farmers' and Planters' Bank of Baltimore, subject to the check of the R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The R. W. Grand Treasurer holds the receipts of the Safe Deposit Company of Baltimore, for \$15,500.00 U. S. 5-20 Gold Bonds, the property of this R. W. Grand Lodge. Said receipt has been duly examined by your committee. He

also holds the Promissory Note of the Grand Encampment of South Carolina, amounting to \$75.00.

The Wildey Monument account, kept by the R. W. Grand Treasurer, shows the following balance August 31, 1877:

Cash.....	\$718 48
U. S. 5-20 Gold Bonds.....	2,000 00

Total.....\$2,718 48

Your committee take great pleasure in calling the attention of the Grand Lodge to the willingness and promptness with which our efficient Grand Secretary has responded to the suggestion made by this committee at the last session regarding the printed matter attached to his report, and we suggest the thanks of this Grand Lodge are due and should be extended to him for his cordial endeavors to reduce the expenses thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES B. BLANKS,	LUTHER HOMES,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	I. C. STAFFORD,
ALEX. L. SPEAR,	CHAS. B. NASH,
ERIE J. LEECH,	GEO. HASKINS.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Yankton Encampment, No. 2, Yankton, Dakota, beg leave to report that they have considered the same, and submit—

That that part of Section 5, Art. I., of said Constitution, which provides that holders of cards may be admitted upon the favorable vote of a majority, is in violation of law. (Sections 306 and 1201a White's Digest).

The committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the part of Section 5, Article I. of said Constitution, above referred to, be not approved, and that with that exception the Constitution and By-Laws of Yankton Encampment be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	O. W. OVIATT,
HERMAN BLOCK,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
D. W. BRERETON,	J. F. COTHRAN,
J. W. SMITH.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, B. N. A., respectfully submit that they have examined the same, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, B. N. A., be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	J. F. COTHRAN,
D. W. BRERETON,	HERMAN BLOCK,
J. W. SMITH,	O. W. OVIATT,
S. T. GRISAMORE.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, having carefully considered the same, beg leave to submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
JOHN F. COTHRAN,	D. W. BRERETON,
HERMAN BLOCK,	J. W. SMITH,
O. W. OVIATT.	

Rep. OVIATT, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

Your committee, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Tennessee, also the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, have fully and carefully considered the same, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Tennessee and Massachusetts, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. OVIATT,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
JOHN E. BELL,	HERMAN BLOCK,
J. W. SMITH,	D. W. BRERETON,
J. F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom were referred the amendments to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, submit the same, after examination and consideration, with their approval, and respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Dakota, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
D. W. BRERETON,	J. W. SMITH,
O. W. OVIATT,	J. F. COTHRAN,
HERMAN BLOCK.	

Rep. OVIATT, of Michigan, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, have had the matter under consideration, and would recommend that the same be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

O. W. OVIATT,	D. W. BRERETON,
JOHN E. BELL,	HERMAN BLOCK,
J. F. COTHRAN,	J. W. SMITH,
S. T. GRISAMORE.	

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions have had under consideration the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, at Montreal, Canada.

Section 54 of the By-Laws provides:

"In case any brother should leave Montreal while in receipt of benefits, except by direction of his physician, it shall rest with the Lodge to determine by vote whether or not he shall be entitled to a continuance of such benefits while absent from Montreal."

Subordinate Lodges have no right to prohibit its members from going to any point to which their interests may take them, or their welfare or comfort demands, and in case a brother entitled to benefits removes from the vicinity of his Lodge, his benefits cannot cease. (See Digest, Folio 37, Section 152).

Your committee, therefore, submit the following:

*Resolved*, That Article 54 of the By Laws of Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, of Montreal, Canada, be stricken out, and the Constitution and By-Laws of said Lodge, thus amended, be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRISAMORE,	HERMAN BLOCK,
JOHN E. BELL,	D. W. BRERETON,
J. W. SMITH,	O. W. OVIATT,
J. F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom were referred the amended Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of the jurisdiction of Kansas, report that they have examined the same, and respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitutions of the R. W. Grand Lodge and R. W. Grand Encampment of Kansas, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
D. W. BRERETON,	HERMAN BLOCK,
O. W. OVIATT,	J. W. SMITH,
J. F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. BOYD, of California, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of the appeal of JOHN A. THOMPSON, P. G. M., WILLIAM KIRK, P. G. M., J. H. HAHN, JR., P. G., and W. M. ISAACS, P. G., members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, your committee beg leave to report the facts to be as follows: In the year 1831, Bro. ROBERT NILES, son of HEZEKIAH NILES, a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, of the city of Baltimore, Maryland, died, and in accordance with the By-Laws of said Lodge, the sum of \$30 was allowed for funeral expenses. MR. NILES, father of the deceased brother, received the money, but returned the same to the Lodge, coupling the gift with the suggestion that it might be appropriated in two or more modes, one of which related to education.

The subject was referred to a committee, who recommended in their report that the money be set apart as a permanent school fund. The report was adopted, and a permanent school fund established. A By-Law was enacted at the same time, charging each member twelve and a-half cents per quarter to be placed to the credit of said fund for the education of the orphans of said Lodge; and another, that all fines should go to the permanent school fund, and that members may make donations to said fund, and that the surplus moneys—if any—collected for funeral expenses, should also be placed to the same credit. This amount has increased from year to year until now it has reached exceeding \$5,000. By an arrangement between the several Lodges of Baltimore, creating a school fund to which Columbia Lodge contributes, the object for which Columbia Lodge educational fund was created has been obtained, the general educational fund of all the Lodges rendering any special fund by either of them unnecessary, consequently the fund must remain in the treasury, unused for *any* purposes, if power does not exist somewhere to determine that the original purpose of its creation has been accomplished, and that it may be used for some other purpose of Odd-Fellowship. The Grand Lodge of Maryland at its late session has decided in effect that the object of this fund of Columbia Lodge has been accomplished, and this appeal from that action of the Grand Lodge of Maryland is upon the ground that “the school fund of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, is a special trust, according to the decisions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States,” as appears in the Journal of that Body of 1870, pages 4875, 4876, in the case of an appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Oregon; also in the case of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, in 1871, page 5161 of Journal, which is similar to that of Oregon, and was adopted in the theory set up in the latter case.

Your committee are of the opinion that the case of Columbia Lodge is not analogous to that of the Oregon Lodge, the latter having evidently abandoned the object for which the trust was created, whereas, the former—Columbia Lodge—has fulfilled to the letter every obligation entered into by it. The object for which the fund was created has been accomplished. The proposed action is not, therefore, either in fact or effect, a diversion of such fund to appropriate to a different purpose any balance that may have been unapplied. The appeal is therefore dismissed.

Respectfully submitted,

COLIN M. BOYD,  
JOHN H. OBERLY,  
M. HEISEY,  
WM. W. MORRIS,

W. E. PRESSEY,  
G. W. HURLEY,  
J. B. KIMBALL,  
JOHN M. PRICE.

Bro. STUART, P. G. Sire, from the Special Committee on that

subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The committee, to which was referred the preamble and resolution adopted at the last session of this R. W. Grand Body, touching the establishment of the Order in Europe, found on page 7006 Revised Journal, respectfully report:

That they have made diligent efforts to obtain reliable information in regard to the matter, without success. From what they have learned, however, they are of the opinion that the history of the introduction of the Order in Europe, contained in the Journals of this R. W. Body, is not as complete as the subject and the circumstances demand, and they therefore recommend that further time be given them.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED. D. STUART,	LUTHER J. GLENN,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,	NATHAN PORTER,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE.	

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Among other items of business referred, through the action of the Special Committee, to your Finance Committee, was one for compensation for the "additional Index to the Journal" alluded to in the annual report of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, on page 7262. It appears there was included with the Journal of 1876, in the eighth bound volume Revised Journal, an index of the same made by Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. Rep., which was reported with his general index, thus making the bound Journal and index continuous from 1821 to 1875. This fact was communicated in the Grand Secretary's report at the session of 1876, page 6766, Journal. An appropriation was asked for the same, which failed to receive attention. Your committee have taken the subject into consideration, and respectfully report that compensation should be made for the work performed, and respectfully submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That an appropriation of one hundred dollars be and the same is hereby made to compensate P. G. Rep. JOHN H. WHITE, for services performed in making an index to the Journal of this R. W. Grand Body, as reported by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary.

In relation to the "Report of the Grand Treasurer in 1876 on the Finances," your committee deem it entirely unnecessary for them to take any action thereon, inasmuch as the subject is now before this R. W. Grand Body, as submitted in the interesting and exhaustive report of the Committee on Representation and Taxation which now lies before you for action.

Respectfully submitted,

M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	CHAS. B. NASH,
ERIE J. LEECH,	LUTHER HOMES,
GEO. HASKINS,	JAMES B. BLANKS,
ALEX. L. SPEAR,	I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. McKINNEY, of Texas, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, beg leave to report that the following Grand Bodies are without accredited Representatives in the R. W. Grand Lodge at the present session thereof, viz.:

The Grand Lodge of South Carolina.  
 The Grand Lodge of British Columbia  
 The Grand Lodge of Switzerland.  
 The Grand Lodge of Montana.  
 The Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

Respectfully submitted,

A. T. MCKINNEY,  
 J. L. WEAKLEY,  
 W. W. STUMBLES, JR.,

E. A. PECK,  
 EDWIN S. PIKE,  
 J. C. FORD.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the memorial from the R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida, in regard to the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home at Jacksonville, have had the same under consideration, and respectfully report that the members of the Order there, have witnessed the fact, that during the winter season many brethren of our Order from the North, the East, and the great North-west, are in the habit of visiting that mild climate for the purpose of renovating their broken constitutions and shattered health; and for many years past the brotherhood in that section of the country have, in a most commendable manner, relieved many hundreds, perhaps thousands, of brothers from mental and heart suffering, as has been shown by statistics furnished your committee, and have established a pleasant home, where those in suffering and distress can be relieved and supplied with those things so necessary for the invalid, who in most cases had but a scanty store of money provided for him when far away from his own home, and who are often deprived of the actual necessaries required for persons in a feeble condition of health; and said brothers having determined to build such a home that would be known forever as the Invalid Odd Fellows' Home or Asylum to which any Odd Fellow might go, and find all the comforts and conveniences so much needed, without feeling that he was receiving the cold charities of an outside world, but where he could enjoy a cheerfully bestowed bounty from a fondly loved brotherhood; and in order more fully to carry out these great and worthy objects, they have found it necessary to apply to the Order at large for assistance in some cases.

Your committee cannot too highly approve and commend the noble and praiseworthy objects of the Odd Fellows of Florida, and most heartily commend the home established there to the favorable consideration of the Order throughout the world, and cordially recommend the same as worthy of the generous aid and assistance of our brethren everywhere.

Your committee propose the following resolution and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the efforts and commend the noble purposes of the Odd Fellows of Florida, in furnishing an asylum for the distressed Odd Fellow, and recommend said home as worthy the fostering care and kind assistance of all good Odd Fellows throughout the land.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS,  
 JOSHUA DAVIS,  
 N. C. HYDE,

GEO. H. SPORMAN.  
 C. W. JONES,  
 JOHN E. RENGSTORFF.

Rep. DAVIS, of Maine, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the memorial presented by Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, submitting a plan for the establishment of a home for consumptive Odd Fellows, (to be found on page 7348 of the Journal), have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to report:

That we have considered the subject and cheerfully commend the object as one in which every member of the Order is deeply interested, and in our opinion should be carefully considered, and would recommend that the subject be referred to a Special Committee of five, with instructions to report at the next annual session.

Respectfully submitted,

JOSHUA DAVIS,

C. W. JONES,

N. C. HYDE,

JOHN E. RENGSTORFF,

GEO. H. SPORMAN,

D. N. BARROWS.

Rep. TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was referred the appeal of JOHN F. C. HOLLINGS from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan in the case of HATCH vs. Michigan Lodge, No. 1, have considered the same and submit the following report:

The principal points in the case, briefly stated, are as follows: On the 5th day of June, 1876, Bro. JOSIAH H. HATCH, a member of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, was, after due trial, expelled from said Lodge. Bro. F. KUNZIE, Past Grand of said Lodge, appealed from the action of the Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, charging certain informalities in the conduct of the trial.

At the session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, February, 1877, the appeal of Bro. KUNZIE was referred to a special committee, who reported that they had examined the papers, and evidence and arguments presented by both parties, and found the proceedings in the case were regular and in accordance with the law, and recommended that the appeal be dismissed. The report of the committee was not adopted. A resolution was then adopted reversing the action of Michigan Lodge, and re-instating JOSIAH H. HATCH in said Lodge.

The General Laws of Michigan, Article II, section III, Clause 6, provide that any brother feeling aggrieved by the decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, and, on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence.

In the light of this express provision of the General Laws of Michigan, your committee cannot see in the record before them anything in this particular case, which authorized the said Grand Lodge to go beyond the letter and spirit of the law, and reinstate the brother, when only authorized to remand his case for "a new trial."

Hence, in view of the foregoing, we are of the opinion, without going into the other questions raised in the appeal, that it is not only contrary to the established law, but impolitic for a Grand Lodge to encroach upon the express and exclusive power delegated to, and vested in a Subordinate by its Constitution, as to the imposition of sentence for an offence, and your committee recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of JOHN F. C. HOLLINGS, P. G., from the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, in the case of HATCH vs. Michigan Lodge No. 1. be sustained. That the action of said Grand Lodge in reinstating Bro. JOSIAH H. HATCH be reversed.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN TAYLOR,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. BAGLEY, of North Carolina, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the case of the appeal of JAMES BOWYER against the action of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Texas in the matter of charges preferred against Bro. M. V. MILLS, the Appeal Committee, No. 2, respectfully report:

That Bro. MILLS, who was Treasurer of Atascosa Lodge, No. 213, was charged with failing and refusing to pay over money due said Lodge, collected by him as such Treasurer, and withholding the same with intent to cheat and defraud the Lodge.

The committee who heard the testimony in the case, reported that they found no evidence showing any intention on the part of the accused to wrong or defraud the Lodge, but found him guilty of withholding Lodge funds, and recommended his suspension for six months, and that he should also be reprimanded.

Upon this report Atascosa Lodge acquitted the accused, and the Grand Lodge of Texas, upon appeal, approved said action.

This appeal is from the action of said Grand Lodge.

While this committee recognize the fact that no person holding money belonging to any Lodge, as Treasurer, or in any other fiduciary capacity, has a right to withhold it, even when it is without intent finally to defraud the Lodge; that such withholding is unbecoming conduct, and unless there is ample excuse therefore should be followed by proper punishment, yet in this case, there was nothing to try but certain questions of fact, and the trial thereof and the decision thereon were in the exclusive jurisdiction of said Subordinate and the Grand Lodge, which Lodges we are bound to presume found such excuse.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. H. BAGLEY,  
*For the committee.*

Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Select Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. PERRY (page 7329, Journal) relative to the probable cost of altering seal, stereotyped plates, legislation, &c., in the event of a "change of name" of this R. W. Grand Lodge, beg to report:

1st. Your committee, on consulting with one of the leading firms of engravers in the city of Baltimore, find, that to "change the name" in the official seal of this Grand Body will cost not to exceed \$20; to change the name on the seal used on cards, diplomas, &c., will not cost over \$5, and to make a like change on the seal used for letter headings will cost about \$2, making total outside cost for the whole \$27.

2d. That, on consulting with an experienced electrotyper, your committee find, that to prepare a new title page to Digest and make all the necessary changes on some 55 pages of said Digest, will cost, not to exceed \$21.

3d. Your committee find the following books printed and sold by this Grand Lodge, viz: Grand Lodge Book, Grand Encampment Book, Encampment Institution Book, Encampment Charge Books, Lodge Institution Books, Lodge Public Installation Books, Lodge Charge Books, Degree Charge Books, Degree Lodge Installation Books, Rebekah Degree Books, Rebekah Degree Lodge Installation Books, Form Book, Funeral Service and Anniversary Service.

From a general examination of the foregoing, your committee estimate the cost of making all the necessary changes in the electrotype plates in this section will not cost to exceed \$40.

4th. In all the cards and certificates issued by this Grand Lodge, no change will be required except in the seal, the cost of which is provided for in the first paragraph of this report.

5th. For diplomas a new design is in preparation; therefore, no extra cost for this item.

6th. The future editions of the present bound Journals would be issued the same as heretofore, except merely changing the lettering on the binding, and which would cause no additional expense.

7th. The Supplemental Digest, from 1871 to 1874, was not electrotyped, and therefore no expense will be incurred on account of change of name in the next edition.

8th. Your committee are informed that the necessary legislation required to confirm the change of name in the act of incorporation, will not involve the expenditure of money on the part of this Grand Lodge.

9th. Your committee, therefore, find the total estimated cost of "change of name," as regards seals, digests, books, cards, certificates, journals and legislation, will not exceed the following sums:

To change seals.....	\$27 00
"    digests .....	21 00
"    books, &c., &c.....	40 00
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Total.....	\$88 00

10th. Your committee find that the paper on which Lodge and Encampment cards are printed is water-lined by a process known as a "Dandy Roll." Should it be determined to change the letters G. L. U. S. in the four corners of the cards, to do so will not cost over \$12 to \$20.

11th. Your committee feel that this report would be imperfect were no record made of the supplies of the foregoing articles and cards now on hand, and for detail statement of which refer to page 7282 of Grand Secretary's report of the present session. The total cost value of said supplies on hand amounts to \$5,804.06. Of this sum, \$3,919.50 is made up of Digest and supplemental Digest, and which will be just as available and valuable as books of law and reference under the new name as the old, leaving only \$1884.56 of general supplies. As the change of name does not in anywise affect the substance of the matter contained in the remainder of the supplies, in the opinion of some of your committee it will not materially lessen their value.

Respectfully submitted,

J. HAM PERRY, JOHN R. TOMPKINS,  
M. J. DURHAM, J. W. STEBBINS,  
ERIE J. LEECH.

On motion of Rep. PERRY, of Ontario, the rule requiring reports to lay on the table one day was suspended and the report was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. SHIDELER, of Indiana, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow morning, which was agreed to.

Rep. DEUEL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Credentials, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Credentials respectfully submit the following report in the case of Past Grand Master GEORGE J. GARDNER, claiming to be a Representative to this Grand Body from the Grand Lodge of New York, by virtue of appointment by the Standing Committee of said Grand Lodge, and against whose admission DAVID P. GARDNER, a member of the same Grand Lodge, protests.

There being no dispute as to the facts in this case, the question to be decided is simply one of law.

The credentials set forth "that GEORGE J. GARDNER, P. G. M., has been duly appointed Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York to the Grand Lodge of the United States for one year, to fill the vacancy occasioned by the decision of the Grand Lodge of the United States in the case of JOHN W. STEBBINS, whose election was declared *void*"—thus showing on the face of the credentials that there was no vacancy *which could be filled by appointment*. This will clearly appear from the law of the Grand Lodge of New York relating to elections, as found in Sec. 3, Art. II, By-Laws of the Grand Lodge of New York, which provides that "in case no candidate shall have received a majority, the Representatives present shall forthwith proceed" to elect. The Grand Lodge of the United States, at its last session, having "*Resolved*, That JOHN W. STEBBINS, *not having received a majority of the votes cast for Grand Representative*, has not been elected as the Representative of the Grand Lodge of New York in this body," it became the duty of said Grand Lodge, under the above law, to elect a Grand Representative. Having neglected so to elect, they are without a successor to JOHN MEDOLE, their former Representative in this body.

The law, under which the Standing Committee claim authority to appoint, is Sec. 7, Art. III, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York, which provides that "Vacancies in the other Grand Offices, except that of Grand Master, shall be filled by the Grand Lodge, if in session, if not, then by the Standing Committee and for the term of the former incumbent." This section clearly contemplates an election and a *vacancy after such election* before the committee can act. The Grand Lodge of the United States having decided that *there was no election*, the committee had no power to act.

Again, it is a well settled principle that such clauses in all Constitutions contemplate emergencies in which the body itself cannot act, and that the sole object of such provisions is to meet such emergencies, and are therefore to be strictly construed for such purpose. There was no emergency in this case. A session of the Grand Lodge of New York would intervene before the next session of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and therefore, in the judgment of your committee, the Standing Committee of the Grand Lodge of New York assumed power not belonging to it, and performed an act for which there was no necessity, in appointing a Grand Representative.

Further, at the session of the Grand Lodge of New York, which did intervene, this appointment of the Standing Committee came up for approval in the following resolution offered by the Committee on the State of the Order, to whom this matter had been referred, viz: "*Resolved*, That the appointment of Past Grand Master GARDNER was authorized by law, and the action of the Standing

Committee is approved for the reasons specifically set forth in this report," which resolution was negatived by a yea and nay vote of 400 to 458. It is admitted and stated by all parties that this was not based upon any grounds personal to the appointee, Past Grand Master GARDNER being, in every respect, qualified for the position. This decided refusal, therefore, of the Grand Lodge of New York, to approve and confirm the action of the Standing Committee in appointing Bro. GARDNER, was designed by that body to remove all color of law or authority from such appointment. That the claimant himself so understood the action of his Grand Lodge, is conclusively shown by the fact that he asked for and obtained permission to appeal from such action.

Your committee, therefore, recommend for adoption the following:

*Resolved*, That Past Grand Master, GEORGE J. GARDNER, is not entitled to a seat in this Grand Body as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York.

Respectfully submitted,

A. C. DEUEL, CHARLES WOODHOUSE  
AMOS HILL, JNO. H. VIVIAN,  
HENRY SIMONS.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved that the report be referred to the Judiciary Committee, which was not agreed to.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the report be laid upon the table, which was not agreed to.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved that the further consideration of the subject be postponed until to-morrow, which was agreed to.

Rep. BEATTY, of California, submitted the following resolution of the Grand Lodge of California, which was referred to the Committee on the State of the Order :

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to urge such legislation as may be necessary to authorize the communication of the Annual Traveling Password to the retiring Noble Grand, at the installation of officers of the term commencing on the first day of January.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, presented the following resolution from the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, which was referred to the Judiciary Committee :

*Resolved*, That the Grand Representatives of this Grand Encampment to the Grand Lodge of the United States be hereby instructed to use their best endeavors to have that R. W. Grand Body define the fee for the reinstatement of a dropped Patriarch, as there are different opinions as to whether the fee for initiation is that of the Patriarchal degree, or whether it includes the fees for the three degrees, viz: Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple Degrees.

Rep. BENNETT, of Missouri, submitted the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee :

I. O. O. F.,  
GRAND LODGE OF MISSOURI, ST. LOUIS, MAY 16, 1877.

Among other proceedings the following was adopted:

WHEREAS it has become the practice of many Lodges, in aiding brethren not entitled to benefits, and the widows of deceased brethren who desire to return to their former homes or to reach friends and relatives, to furnish them with the means only sufficient to take them to the next principal point on their journey, where among strangers they are compelled to ask additional aid to reach another principal point on their route, and so on to their destination; and

WHEREAS the Lodges in the city of St. Louis, through their General Relief Committee, are almost daily called upon to assist such cases and provide for their sustenance and transportation to their places of destination, which they are under no obligations to do; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodges in the Order be requested to call the attention of their Lodges to this practice, and prohibit them by law from sending their own members or the widows of their deceased members to other towns or cities to ask aid of the Order to enable them to pursue their journey.

*Resolved*, That our Grand Representatives be instructed to present this subject to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that it be requested to adopt a uniform law upon the subject.

*Resolved*, That a copy of the above be transmitted to each Grand Lodge by the Grand Secretary.

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the subject be referred to the Legislative Committee, and that it be requested to present a uniform law on the subject.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, presented the following action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the Representatives of this Grand Lodge to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States be requested to bring before that R. W. Body the subject of conferring the Grand Lodge Degree, so as to have such necessary legislation made, in order that the degree may be conferred in District Grand Committees, or by the Grand Master at any special meeting he may designate for that purpose,

The Committee on the State of the Order, to whom was referred the accompanying resolution of Rep. COLE, of No. 7, having duly considered the same, respectfully recommend that said resolution be referred to the R. W. Grand Representatives of this Grand Lodge, to take such action thereon, as, in their judgment, will accomplish the object referred to in said resolution.

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in relation to the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree, be referred to the Legislative Committee.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution:

The undersigned propose the following amendment to the Constitution of this Grand Lodge:

Amend Article XVII so as to read as follows:

ARTICLE XVII.—The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be

entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding eight cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania,  
 HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland,  
 E. B. SHERMAN, of Illinois,  
 J. H. WHITE, of New York,  
 JOHN E. BELL, of Ohio,  
 TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky,  
 W. H. THOMPSON, of Missouri,  
 WILLIAM BLATT, of Dakota.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

The undersigned proposes the following as an additional article to the By-Laws of this Grand Lodge:

**ARTICLE** —— The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive, out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and eight cents per mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge; provided, that no mileage shall be allowed to any officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.

SAMUEL F. GWINNER.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, presented by Grand Representative DOWDEN, of that jurisdiction, requesting this Grand Lodge to "define the fee for the reinstatement of a dropped Patriarch," beg leave to report

That the subject is fully provided for in Section 1687a, of White's Digest, and that the fee provided for therein for the reinstatement of a Patriarch dropped or suspended for non-payment of dues after one year from the date of suspension, is the total amount fixed in the By-Laws of the Encampment of which he was a member, for the Patriarchal, Golden Rule and Royal Purple degrees, for a brother of his age, or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Encampment, not less than the amount of one year's dues charged members thereof.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	M. S. DOWDEN,
M. D. HERRING,	FRANK G. BEATTY,
N. W. COX,	J. HAM PERRY,
E. H. FITZHUGH,	HORATIO WELLINGTON,
	GEORGE A. CUMMINGS.

The hour fixed for the consideration of the report of the Special Committee on Representation and Taxation, page 7334, Journal, having arrived, the report was considered.

The question being on the first resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is not expedient or necessary to amend Article XIV of the Constitution.

It was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the object contemplated by the Finance Committee of 1876, namely : the preservation of our finances upon a sound basis, can be best attained by an economical administration of the present revenues of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

It was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, by unanimous consent "the Committee on Printing Supplies" was substituted for "a special committee," and the resolution was adopted, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies shall be charged with the duty of proposing some method by which the expenses connected with the Journal and official reports of the sessions of this body shall be reduced.

The question being on the fourth resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That, in the opinion of this Grand Lodge, the maximum of the per diem to be allowed Grand Representatives should not exceed five dollars, and that their mileage should not exceed (counting one way) eight cents per mile.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the resolution.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows : "Shall the motion to indefinitely postpone be adopted ?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the fifth resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a donation of the bound Revised Journals, Digests, and Book of Forms, to Grand Representatives who have not received them, as provided for by a standing resolution of this body, is impolitic and expensive, and should not be continued, and that the said resolution is hereby repealed.

It was adopted.

The question being on the sixth resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is of the opinion that its basis of representation, namely : One Representative to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, and where the members of such Grand Body exceed one thousand, then two Representatives for such body, having been fixed in our infancy, should, in view of the vast increase of membership, be altered to suit the present condition of the Order; and a time shall be fixed at this session when propositions to that effect shall be considered in the committee of the whole, and reported to this Grand Lodge as proposed amendments to Article IX of this Constitution.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to indefinitely postpone the further consideration of the resolution, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, subject to the action taken by the Grand Lodge, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7344, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of JOHN E. FAWKNER from the action of the Grand Lodge of Indiana, was considered.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved to recommit the report to be signed by the committee, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the report,

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved to amend by adding :

"To the end that a new trial may be had upon the charge preferred against him."

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put, as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. BUSBEE?" which was agreed to, and the report of the committee as amended was adopted :

Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter entrusted to his care; that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one shall be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

Rep. JONES, of Maryland, from the Committee on Printing Supplies, under instructions of that committee, laid on the table the following amendment to the By-Laws:

Strike out, in Article XVIII, all after the word "jurisdiction," in the fourth line, down to the word "Subordinates," in the fifth line, and insert: "to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number for its own use."

So that the article will read:

ARTICLE XVIII—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, to be distributed among its Subordinates and one half of such number for its own use. Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual sessions of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That, in consideration of the unusually large amount of business, demanding, at this session, the attention of the Committee on Foreign Relations (business the most careful consideration of which is indispensable, and which will absorb all the time which can possibly be devoted to it) and the comparative small amount of matter legitimately falling to the jurisdiction of the Committee on Correspondence, that portion of foreign business relating to the present situation of the affairs of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, be transferred from the former to the latter committee for consideration and report.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, moved the following, and the resolution was adopted:

The Grand Lodge of Michigan having, at its last annual session, adopted the following:

WHEREAS the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its annual session in 1875, passed the following resolution:

"*Resolved*, That the matters considered in the report of the Committee on Appeals, in the matter of the appeal of W. J. BAXTER and others against the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in behalf of Fayette Lodge, No. 16. of that jurisdiction, be and are hereby remanded to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to the end that the said Grand Lodge of Michigan may be further heard, if it shall desire in the premises, and that the said Grand Lodge is hereby allowed to present such records and evidence in said matters to this Grand Lodge, at the next session hereof, as said Grand Lodge of Michigan may desire; that in the mean time the said Grand Lodge of Michigan, until this Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine, shall cease to collect the tax or assessments alluded to in said report, except when the same may be voluntarily paid;" therefore,

*Resolved*, That the Representatives from this jurisdiction to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next communication, be and they are hereby requested to present such records and evidence of the situation of the Odd Fellows Institute at Lansing, as are contained in the various reports of the trustees and commissioners of that institution, and such further evidence as they

in their judgment may see fit to offer with the view of being further heard in the premises;

Therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the whole matter in question, as contemplated in the above resolutions, be referred to a special committee of five for action thereon.

The Chair appointed as the committee:

Reps. SHERMAN, of Illinois; NEWELL, of New Jersey; GALES, of North Carolina; KIDDER, of New Hampshire; McLEAN, of the District of Columbia.

The R. W. Grand Secretary presented the following, which was referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations:

CORNUCOPIA, ELKO COUNTY, NEVADA, September 10, 1877.

JAS. L. RIDGELY, Esq.,

*Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary, G. L. U. S.*

DEAR SIR AND BROTHER: I desire to call your attention to the importance of some action being taken in reference to the Order now established in the Australian Colonies. I find, by reference to the decisions of the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction, Nevada, that no member of the Order, holding a card from the Grand Lodge of New Zealand, can be admitted to membership here; and presumptive evidence would hold the same rule to apply regarding a card from Australia.

As is well known to you, the Order was established in Australia on the 28th day of February, A. D. 1868, by me, by authority of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and a charter, duly certifying to that effect, delivered to them. By the same high authority, I duly instructed them in *all* the signs, working passwords, &c., in use in the Order in this country. In 1869, by virtue of a charter granted by the Grand Lodge of Victoria, which had already received its charter from the Grand Lodge of the United States, I established the same Order in New Zealand, and gave to them also the same signs, working passwords, &c., then in use in Victoria and throughout the entire jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States; therefore, *every portion* of their work, all signs and passwords, are *exactly* the same as *ours*; therefore, why they, as members of precisely the same Order, should not be admitted to membership in the United States, passes my understanding. It appears to me that it must be in consequence of ignorance as to the *position* the Order there occupies to us here; probably, through no *definite instructions* having been given in reference thereto by the Grand Lodge of the United States. And I would respectfully suggest, that the matter be called to the attention of the Grand Lodge at its present annual session, in order that, if thought proper, necessary legislation could be had thereon. To establish our own Order in a foreign country, and then refuse admission of its members into our own Lodges, appears to me more than unjust, not to say absurd.

Another matter appears to me to require serious attention. Since the establishment of the Order in that country by me in 1868-9, no Grand Officer or accredited Commissioner from the Grand Lodge of the United States has visited them at all, and, as far as I know, but little if any recognition of their existence as an Order has been extended to them by the parent Grand Lodge. Notwithstanding this apparent neglect, I learn that the Order there has prospered and is prospering to a pleasing extent. In both Victoria and New Zealand, I understand they have three times the numerical strength, both in Lodges and membership, that they had when I left them in 1869. As I had no authority to leave the *work* then in a *positive tangible form*, it is but reasonable to suppose that ere this many irregularities, perhaps some serious ones, may have crept into the work, therefore it appears to me that a great benefit to them,

and a general good to the Order at large, might be obtained in sending an accredited Commissioner or Grand Officer from the Grand Lodge of the United States to that country for general *instruction* and encouragement in the work. It has always been a subject of serious regret to me, that while much encouragement and help, by way of complimentary resolutions and otherwise, which was but right and proper, has been extended to the Order newly established in other foreign countries, but little, if any, attention of any kind has been extended to Australia and New Zealand, where the Order has already more than ten times the strength and standing that it has in any country outside our own proper jurisdiction. Your careful attention to the matter herein mentioned is respectfully requested.

Fraternally yours,

A. D. MEACHAM,

*P. G. Rep. and P. Special D. G. S.*

The M. W. Grand Sire submitted the following, and, on motion, the invitation was accepted :

OFFICE OF THE M. W. GRAND PATRIARCH,  
R. W. GRAND ENCAMPMENT OF MARYLAND,  
BALTIMORE, September 19, 1877.

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

You are respectfully invited to attend a meeting of Schiller Encampment, No. 12, on Thursday evening next, and Jerusalem Encampment, No. 1, on Friday evening next, both meeting in this hall.

Schiller Encampment works only in the German language.

Respectfully and fraternally,

WM. LOUIS SCHLEY,  
*Grand Patriarch.*

The hour fixed for adjournment having arrived, the Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at nine o'clock.

THURSDAY, September 20, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present :

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

## PAST GRAND Sires.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
FREDERICK D. STUART.....	District of Columbia.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

A quorum of Grand Bodies being present, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the appeal of F. BROSS, P. G. M., of Illinois, from the action of the Grand Lodge of that State, your committee find the facts to be as follows:

A brother made application in writing to his Lodge for a withdrawal card in the following words:

"Will you be so kind as to grant me a withdrawal card with the privilege of deposit?"

The Lodge granted the card in the usual form, which was accepted by the brother applying for it. In granting the card the Lodge ignored the request of privilege to deposit. With this, the brother was dissatisfied, and asked that such permission be given him, or that he be placed back in the Lodge without depositing his card as the law requires—in other words, that he should be still considered a member, notwithstanding a withdrawal card had been granted him. The Lodge refused to do either, and the Grand Master of said State decided: "That when the Lodge voted to grant the request of the brother for a withdrawal card, it voted to grant such card with the privilege of deposit;" that the Lodge could not legally vote to grant a card with such a privilege attached to it, and declared the vote to be null and void, and directed it to be set aside. The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master in this decision, and from this action of the Grand Lodge this appeal is taken.

Your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained, and for the reason given by the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois in their report of the case, which is as follows:

"Your committee consider the words used by the brother in his application, 'with the privilege of deposit,' simply superfluous; that if a card is voted to a brother, it carries with it the right to deposit it, without written permission, wherever he desires, the Lodge to which he may present it being willing to receive him, and no question of jurisdiction being raised; that the action of the Lodge in granting the withdrawal card was proper, and the superfluous words in the application did not affect the validity of the card."

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN PORTER,  
WM. H. BAGLEY,  
JAMES WOODYATT,

NATHAN TAYLOR,  
J. S. TICKNOR,  
J. R. TOMPKINS.

Rep. ROBERTSON, of the Lower Provinces, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of *Bross vs. Grand Lodge of Illinois*. The undersigned not agreeing in the report of the committee on this case, begs leave to submit the following minority report:

The withdrawal card granted to Bro. SHANNON in this case was upon an application asking also for the "privilege of deposit."

Without this permission to deposit elsewhere, asked for by the brother, his connection with the Order is severed, and unless this Grand Body provides some remedy he must continue in that position.

I consider that the members of this Lodge, in voting upon the first part of his application, and refusing him the privilege of depositing elsewhere, have done him a great injustice.

Believing that the application in the first place was informal, and that it should not have been dealt with by the Lodge, I recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Master and Grand Lodge of Illinois be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

THOMAS ROBERTSON.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the subject of the illegal issuing of clearance cards by the jurisdiction of Australia, as referred to by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary in his report to this Grand Body at its annual communication in 1876, (see Journal, page 6804.) would respectfully report: That the subject matter does not involve a legal construction of law, as the issuing of such cards is admitted to be illegal, and as the only question to be determined is as to what action should be taken by this Grand Lodge to prevent the continual violation of the law upon the subject by the jurisdiction of Australia, we think an improper reference has been had, and, therefore, ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER, N. W. COX,

EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, HORATIO WELLINGTON,

M. S. DOWDEN.

Rep. DOWDEN, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee appointed at the last session of this Grand Lodge to "report at this present meeting a regalia or costume to be worn on public occasions by members of the Patriarchal Department of the Order who may not wish to ap-

pear in the uniform now authorized," respectfully represent that they have given this matter considerable thought, solicited suggestions and specifications from a number of brethren, but are unable to submit anything definite at the present session.

The committee, therefore, ask further time in which to complete their report.

Respectfully submitted,

M. S. DOWDEN, JNO. T. GIVEN.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the extract of proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, presented by Grand Rep. SHERMAN at the annual communication in 1876, (see Journal, page 6947.) beg leave to report:

That the subject is as to whether when an amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge is under consideration an amendment to the pending proposition can be entertained and acted upon. This Grand Lodge has determined the question in the negative upon propositions amending its own laws. We would, therefore, declare that a pending amendment to the Constitution or By-Laws of a Grand or Subordinate Lodge cannot be amended when under consideration unless permitted by local law, and that the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois upon the subject was proper and legal.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	J. HAM PERRY,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,	HORATIO WELLINGTON,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	N. W. COX,
M. S. DOWDEN,	M. D. HERRING,
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS.	

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the matter of the appeal of HENRY ASH, P. G., of States Rights Lodge, No. 46, New York, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York in the case of Stephen A. Douglas Lodge, No. 357, vs. District Grand Committee, No. 12, your committee report:

Bro. MYER ALEXANDER, a member of Stephen A. Douglas Lodge, No. 357, of New York, was, upon the report of a trial committee, expelled. He appealed from the decision of the trial committee to his Lodge, and to District Grand Committee, No. 12, from the action of his Lodge expelling him. The Lodge denied his right to appeal, because, as it affirms, the notice of appeal was not received by it within two weeks after notice had been given to said ALEXANDER of the decision of the trial committee, as provided by the Constitution of Subordinates. District Grand Committee, No. 12, then met, at which meeting the Lodge and ALEXANDER were both present. The District Grand Committee, after hearing both parties, decided that ALEXANDER had appealed in time; and, without trying the case on its merits, solely upon the ground that ALEXANDER had appealed in time, reversed the action of the Lodge and ordered the restoration of ALEXANDER to membership. From the District Grand Committee the Lodge then appealed, basing the appeal on the assertion that ALEX-

ANDER had not appealed within the time fixed by law and was not therefore entitled to a hearing. The Grand Lodge, in deciding the appeal, by the adoption of the report of a committee that had considered the appeal, said: "We conclude that the best way is to send the case back to the District Grand Committee to decide the case on its merits." An order to this effect was made, but the Grand Lodge in doing this did not reverse the decision of the District Grand Committee that ALEXANDER's appeal had been taken in time, which was the only question said committee decided in the first instance. On the contrary, the Grand Lodge ordered a trial on the merits, which order proves that it did not reverse the decision of the District Grand Committee on the timeliness of ALEXANDER's appeal. The order to try on the merits was in effect a declaration that ALEXANDER was entitled to a hearing on his appeal—that he had been in time with it. If the Grand Lodge had reversed the decision of the District Grand Committee, in so far as it related to the claim of ALEXANDER that he had appealed in time, he would have been by that action prohibited from a hearing on the merits of his case. But he was heard. The case was tried on its merits, and was decided in his favor. The Lodge again appealed from the action of the District Grand Committee, not because the committee had decided improperly on the merits, but on the same ground set forth in the Lodge's former appeal, viz.,—using the language of the certified statement of facts accompanying the record—"that MYER ALEXANDER had not originally appealed within the proper time allowed by law."

This appeal the Grand Lodge decided in favor of the Lodge, and in doing so, decided that the decision of the District Grand Committee, made upon the merits of the case by its express orders, should not stand, because ALEXANDER had not originally appealed in time.

In the opinion of your committee, this decision should be set aside. The decision of a State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge is final and conclusive until reversed by this Grand Lodge. District Grand Committee, No. 12, decided that ALEXANDER was in time with his appeal. The Grand Lodge of New York, upon appeal from this decision, did not reverse it, but, by directing the District Grand Committee to try the case on its merits, at least by implication, affirmed it. It must, therefore, be considered final and conclusive until reversed in the proper manner. Consequently, the second appeal of Stephen A. Douglas Lodge in the same case on the same question—the timeliness of ALEXANDER's appeal—should not have been entertained.

Besides the appeal of ALEXANDER having been tried upon its merits, by order of the Grand Lodge of his State, and that trial having resulted in his favor, Stephen A. Douglas Lodge being present at and taking part in the trial, it would be manifestly improper and unjust to ALEXANDER to set aside this decision of the District Grand Committee on a side issue or a mere technicality.

Your committee, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. HENRY ASH, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in the case of Stephen A. Douglas Lodge, No. 357, New York, vs. District Grand Committee, No. 12, be and the same hereby is sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OBERLY, WM. W. MORRIS, C. C. KIBBEE, COLIN M. BOYD,	J. B. KIMBALL, M. HEISEY, JOHN M. PRICE, G. W. HURLEY, W. E. PRESSEY.
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Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your committee to whom was referred the action of the Grand Lodge of New York with regard to the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree, etc., beg leave to report that they have investigated the matter thoroughly, and are of opinion that it is expedient to enlarge the powers of the Grand Master and Grand Patriarch with reference to the conferring of the Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Past Official, Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment Degrees, in addition to being conferred in the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment halls and rooms contiguous thereto, in accordance with the present law, may be conferred by the Grand Masters and Grand Patriarchs throughout their respective jurisdictions, on those members who desire and may be found entitled to receive the same from the *certificate* evidence of the proper officer.

*Resolved*, That all law in conflict with the above be and is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,  
HENRY F. GAREY,  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,  
J. W. STEBBINS,

S. H. BRADLEY,  
JOHN T. GIVEN,  
STEPHEN K. DYER,  
HORACE W. STICKNEY.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, viz:

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby requested to ascertain from that R. W. Grand Body whether Subordinate Lodges are required to "give the honors of the Order" when a visiting brother is introduced by an elective officer of a State Grand Lodge, such visiting brother not being entitled to receive the honors,

Respectfully report that a Grand Officer, introducing a visiting brother, does so in his official character and capacity. He announces himself as the Grand Master, or other officer, as the case may be, "with a visiting brother," and he must do so or he cannot make the introduction. The Lodge, according to the letter of the law, therefore, is required to give him the honors of the Order in such cases.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,  
C. M. BUSBEE,  
R. H. McDANEL,  
L. K. BARBER,

JOSEPH KIDDER,  
A. B. CRANE,  
JAS. A. ARMSTRONG,  
J. F. BACKENSTO.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your committee, to whom was referred the following, viz:

*Resolved*, That our R. W. Grand Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be and they are hereby instructed to urge such legislation as may be necessary to authorize the communication of the Annual Traveling Password

to the retiring Noble Grand, at the installation of officers of the term commencing on the first day of January.

Respectfully report, that they know of no necessity for the proposed legislation, and therefore ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,	JOSEPH KIDDER,
C. M. BUSBEE,	A. B. CRANE,
L. K. BARBER,	GEORGE DEAN,
R. H. McDANEL,	JAMES A. ARMSTRONG,
J. F. BACKENSTO	

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Missouri, offered by Rep. BENNETT, of that State, beg leave to report:

That the subject matter of these resolutions, and the preamble which explains their object, have exclusive reference to a matter about which we see no possible method of profitable legislation. Destitute brothers and widows in need are not only in the habit of stopping at St. Louis and soliciting assistance, but the same thing is of daily occurrence all over the country. Our system does not provide a remedy for this, and we cannot devise anything to meet such an emergency. No jurisdiction is compelled to give assistance beyond its means, or to furnish aid to those who have prior claims upon other parts of the country. They, therefore, recommend the following.

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,	JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	STEPHEN TERRY,
S. H. BRADLEY,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
STEPHEN K. DYER,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
J. W. STEBBINS.	

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the general correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary for the current year, beg leave to report, that they have examined the same, and find nothing therein contained requiring specific action by this R. W. Grand Lodge, other than the matters already referred to appropriate committees for consideration.

The correspondence discloses the fact that while the number of initiations has diminished about ten thousand as compared with the previous year, and the revenue about a quarter of a million, and the number dropped for non-payment of dues has increased about five thousand, yet there has been a small increase in the total membership, and the financial condition of the Order is sound and healthy. The temporary cessation of the rapid increase in membership and revenue which has been observed in former years, is doubtless directly attrib-

utable to the continued serious depression in the business interests of the country, and to this cause alone.

It is certainly a matter of just pride and gratulation that the Order not only still deserves, but receives the commendation of all intelligent men, and that it has been so slightly affected by four years or financial disaster so severe and widespread as to destroy to a considerable extent the gigantic industries of our country, to annihilate hundreds of millions of invested capital, and to make the millionaires of yesterday paupers of to-day.

To understand the reason of our continued prosperity, it is only necessary to recollect that our membership is almost exclusively composed of the industrious and frugal portion of the middle class—the artisans, mechanics and laboring people of our country, and who, with the exception of a few cautious capitalists, are the last and least affected by financial revulsions.

It is no pleasing fiction or extravagant self-laudation to say that in these troublous times the peace of the nation and the stability of our government have been greatly conserved by the silent yet potent influences of our Order, permeating every tissue of our body politic, and tending to neutralize the poison of communism on the one hand and the greed of unlawful gain and oppression on the other.

Your committee could not fail to observe, with pleasure and admiration, the distinguished ability, consummate skill, sound judgment and dignified courtesy with which the Grand Officers have conducted the delicate and important affairs of this R. W. Grand Body, and were there any laurels not now worn by these eminent brothers, we would weave another chaplet of truthful compliment and crown them afresh.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SHERMAN,	J. C. SMITH,
ALBERT COHEN,	GEORGE B. BOYLES,
GEORGE H. BIGELOW,	CHARLES G. KRETSCHMER,
MONROE SHEIRE.	

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the subject of "an obituary chart," introduced by Rep. WILKERSON, of Missouri, beg leave to report the following:

*Resolved*, That this committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

STEPHEN TERRY,	J. W. STEBBINS,
H. F. GAREY,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
JOHN T. GIVEN,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. ROBSE, of Georgia, submitted the following:

The following resolutions were offered by P. G. Patriarch, C. J. ATRABERG, at the annual session of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Georgia:

*Resolved*, That the Representative to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, from this Grand Encampment, be instructed to offer the following:

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to take into consideration the propriety of adding to the Encampment branch of the Order a funeral benefit

feature, not to exceed *two thousand dollars*, to be provided for by stipulated assessments, from time to time, upon such members as would avail themselves of such provisions, and that the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary issue notices of deaths, and calls for assessments when needed in the treasury, and pay the same to the Grand Treasurer, who shall pay all death benefits upon an order from the Grand Sire, attested by the Grand Recording and Corresponding Secretary, or to report some other appropriate plan for the purpose of carrying out the above suggestions, either at the coming session, or the session of 1878.

Adopted at Gainesville, August the 7th, 1877. *A true extract from the minutes.*

JOHN G. DEITZ,  
*Grand Scribe.*

*Therefore. Resolved,* That the above be referred to a special committee of three.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair appointed as the committee :

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia; Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire; Rep. CLEAVER, of New Jersey.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That when the Grand Lodge adjourns to-day, it be to meet again at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment, as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted.

Rep. HILL, of Massachusetts, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That the hour of 10 A. M., on Friday next, be set apart to receive such memorial or obituary notices as may be presented.

REP. ZIMMERER, of Nebraska, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

At a regular session of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska the following, amongst other proceedings, was had :

The following communication was submitted and read :

*To the N. G., Worthy Officers and Members of Columbia Rebekah Degree Lodge, No. 11, I. O. O. F.:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the consideration of the four questions propounded by Prof. Richard Owen, chairman of the committee, to whom was

referred by the G. L. U. S. the subject of "Rebekah Degree Lodges and their utility," would most respectfully report the following result of their deliberations:

*Question 1.* Has it been found that Rebekah Degree Lodges, on the present plan, can be kept up with interest and advantage to those attending

*Response.* From the reports hitherto given by the G. L. U. S. it would seem that permanent interest is not altogether attainable on the present plan. This fact is the more apparent from the meagre reports of Rebekah Degree Lodges from the several jurisdictions. The statistics of the G. L. U. S. furnish a membership of nearly eight thousand, and these figures alone would warrant a strong conclusion that the degree and its objects does not lack admirers, and that some legislation by the G. L. U. S., based upon the experience of the past twenty-five years, would secure an ardent attachment to the degree that could not be easily severed.

*Question 2.* Would it not add to the interest if the daughters of Odd Fellows could be members of Rebekah Degree Lodges?

*Response.* Doubtless the admission of daughters of Odd Fellows of the age of eighteen and upward, would largely increase the interest and usefulness of the degree, and have a tendency to fit them for the more exalted and honorable positions of matrons, and familiarize them with the sacred duty of visiting the sick and aiding suffering humanity in its struggles against the ills of life and mortality, and largely increase the social spirit that should be the ruling genius of our beautiful degree.

*Question 3.* Would it not render the degree more interesting if ladies, by our somewhat modifying the law, were made eligible to any of the offices?

*Response.* In the light of the past decade wherein women's sphere has become so extended in all the avenues of civil life, professional and literary, it can hardly be denied that woman is capable of fulfilling with honor and credit to herself, all the duties of the Lodge Room, and that all the elective officers should be filled semi-annually at least.

*Question 4.* Would not more interest probably be taken in the Rebekah Degree meetings if the Grand Lodge of the United States, would adopt and promulgate an additional degree which could only be conferred in the Degree Lodges?

*Response.* If the secret work of the degree could be conferred upon all (irrespective of sex) in the Rebekah Degree Lodge, it would largely increase the interest of the degree, and an additional degree of exaltation to be conferred on the worthy daughters after a membership of three months, would have a tendency to cement the bond of Sisterhood with the same fixedness that the degrees in the Subordinate Lodge bind together the Brotherhood of the Order.

Your committee, after a full and solicitous examination of the subject of the Rebekah Degree Lodges, are more than ever persuaded that the sublime and exalted teachings of their ritual are so pure and beautiful in their moral and social enjoyments, that they are more endeared to them than ever, and earnestly hope the Grand Lodge of this jurisdiction will fully empower and authorize its Grand Representatives to press earnestly upon the consideration of the Grand Lodge of the United States the imperative need of prompt and judicious legislation for the perpetuity of the Daughters of Rebekah.

Submitted in F. L. and T.,

H. J. HUDSON,	THEDA M. COOLIDGE,
JANE A. NORTH,	ELLA COMPTON.

Approved and adopted in open Lodge, October 16th, 1876.

HENRY J. HUDSON, N. G.

FRANCIS J. COON, *Secretary.*

On motion, it was

*Resolved*, That the sentiments expressed in the foregoing communication are hereby endorsed by this Grand Lodge, and our Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States are hereby instructed to favor and advocate the enactment of the same into law.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following, which was referred to the Special Committee on Translation of Ritual, &c., appointed at the session of 1876 :

*Resolved*, That the Ritual for Subordinate Lodges be and the same is hereby authorized to be translated into the Bohemian language, provided the same be done under the supervision of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, and without expense to this Grand Lodge.

Rep. MCKINNEY of Texas, moved the following, which was, on motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, laid on the table :

*Resolved*. That half past three o'clock P. M. to-day, be fixed for the exemplification of the secret work.

Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

Amend the second section of the ninth Article of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows :

SECTION 2. Every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes; but no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment shall have more than one Grand Representative; provided, however, that every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative.

ALEX. L. SPEAR, of Maryland.  
C. H. RAWLINGS, of Maryland.  
E. A. PECK, of West Virginia.  
H. E. DODGE, of Rhode Island.  
JNO. M. JONES, of Maryland.  
HENRY F. GAREY, of Maryland.

The Grand Secretary submitted the following :

GRAND LODGE OF FLORIDA, INDEPENDENT ORDER ODD FELLOWS.

*Office of the Grand Chaplain,*

KEY WEST, September 12th, 1877.

THEO. A. ROSS, *Assistant Grand Secretary*:

MY DEAR BROTHER:—Yours of August 30th, relative to Spanish books for Cuba Lodge, No. 15, is at hand. The books came also, and last night we tried them in initiation and degrees. They work splendidly, and gave great joy to the Cuban brethren. I wish you could have enjoyed, as I did, the unfeigned delight of all, as the books were examined and used. The Opening and Closing:

Odes are sung with spirit by the Lodge, and exactly as printed. I ignominiously failed on the translation of the other two, but *our boys* will soon sing those printed.

I wish I could be with Bro. PEARCE again this year. Hope you will give him a few points in Florida History which I have asked him to get.

Please accept the heartfelt thanks of myself and Cuba Lodge, for your kindness to us, and commend us to our dear Bro. RIDGELY.

Ever and sincerely your friend,

ROBERT D. MURRAY, M. D.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the pending amendment to Article I of the Constitution, page 7073, made the special order for 10 A. M. this day.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, as follows :

Amend the Constitution as follows:

*First.* Repeal Article I, Section 1.

*Second.* Substitute for Article I, Section 1, the following:

"Article I, Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the *Supreme Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows*.

*Third* That the word "Supreme" shall be substituted for the word "Grand," in each and every subsequent Article and Section of the Constitution where the same refers to the name of this Grand Lodge.

It was resolved in the negative.

The yeas and nays appeared as follows :

YEAS.—Reps. Armstrong (2 votes.) Bagley, Barber, Blatt, Boyd, of Connecticut. Bradley, Brereton (2 votes,) Busbee, Cohen, Cothran, Cox, Crane, Dann, Day, Decker, DeGress, Deuel, Dowden (2 votes,) Driggs, Elder, Ford, of Nebraska, Ford, of Ontario, Gardner, Glenn, Goodrich, Grisamore (2 votes,) Havernner, Hamma, Haynie, Hildreth, Hill, Homes, Hotchkiss, Hurley, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kimball, Kretschmer, Lichy, McDanel, McKinney, McLean, Miller, Morris, Munson. Oberly, Oviatt, Perry, Pike, Porter, Robertson of L. Prov., Rodolf, Sheire, Sherman, Spates, Sporman, Stafford, Stebbins, St. John, Stumbles, Terry, Ticknor, Tompkins, Underwood, Virden, White, Woodyatt, Zimmerer.—73.

NAYS.—Reps. Backensto, Barry, Barrows, Bell, Betton, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boyd, of California. Cleaver, Cloward Cochran, Cummings, Davis, Dean, Dodge, Dye, Dyer, Fitzhugh, Gales, Garey, Given, Gwinner, Haskins, Havens, Heisey, Herring, Hickok, Hyde, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Nevada, Kibbee, Kidder, Leavitt, Leech, Muckle, Nash, Newell, Nutt, Pearce, Peck, Pressey, Price, Rawlings, Robbe, Robertson, of Indiana. Robinson, Rosler Sheppard, Shideler, Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Spear, Taylor, Thompson, (2 votes,) Weakley, Wilkerson, Williston, Woodhouse.—61.

The Grand Secretary submitted the petition of Harmony Encampment, No. 2, New Westminster, British Columbia, to be attached to the Grand Encampment of Oregon, which was referred to the Committee on Petitions.

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 1, to whom was referred the appeal of HANNAH COHEN from the action of New York Lodge, No. 10, and of the Grand Lodge of New York, respectfully report that they have had the same under consideration, and upon the facts submitted, they recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the action of the Grand Lodge of New York be sustained.

The facts are as follows : The By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, provide that "on the death of any brother who is not disqualified by Article VIII of their By-Laws, (viz: not in arrears) the sum of two hundred dollars shall be allowed as a *funeral benefit*, which shall be *disposed of* as provided by Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution." The Constitution of Subordinates, Article IV, Section 5, referred to, provides : "In case of the death of a member qualified as in the last section, (viz: qualified as required by the By-Laws,) there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than fifteen dollars to *defray the expenses of the burial, to be paid by the Noble Grand on account of the funeral.*"

CHARLES COHEN, a member of New York Lodge, No. 10, in good standing, having died, HANNAH COHEN, the widow of the deceased brother, claimed the two hundred dollars as provided for in the By-Laws and Constitution referred to, as "funeral benefit." New York Lodge, No. 10, refused to pay this amount directly to the widow ; the Grand Master of the State sustained their action, and the Grand Lodge of New York approved the decision of the Grand Master. The only question to be determined is, to whom must the funeral benefit be paid, under a proper construction of the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10?

Recognizing the clear distinction between funeral benefits and funeral expenses, that the right of property to funeral benefits is in the family of a deceased brother ; yet in the case under consideration, the question as to whether the amount directed to be paid under the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, is to be paid as funeral benefits are ordinarily paid, is to be determined not by the By-Law itself, but is to be construed in connection with Article IV, Section 5, Constitution of Subordinates. In fact, the *disposition* of the fund under the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, is expressly stated to be *as provided* in Article IV, Section 5, of the Constitution referred to, to wit: *to be paid by the Noble Grand "on account of the funeral."* The manner of disbursing that fund, and the person by whom it is to be disbursed, is carefully provided for ; it is not a doubtful question if the article of the Constitution referred to is construed (and, as in the opinion of your committee, it should be construed,) as a part of the By-Laws of Lodge No. 10 under consideration.

Respectfully submitted,

J. B. KIMBALL,	CHARLES C. KIBBEE,
G. W. HURLEY,	WM. W. MORRIS,
W. E. PRESSEY,	JOHN M. PRICE,
COLIN M. BOYD.	

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The undersigned, a minority of the Appeal Committee No. 1, in the matter of the appeal of H. H. LOWENTHAL, on behalf of the widow HANNAH COHEN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York sustaining the action of New

York Lodge, No. 10, in refusing to pay a funeral benefit claimed by her, respectfully make a minority report.

The By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, contain the following:

"On the death of any brother who is not disqualified by Article VIII of these By-Laws, the sum of \$200 shall be allowed as a funeral benefit, which shall be disposed of as provided by Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution."

Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution, is as follows:

"In case of the death of a member qualified as in the last section, there shall be allowed from the Lodge not less than \$15 to defray the expenses of burial, to be paid by the N. G. on account of the funeral."

The widow of a former member of this Lodge, Mrs. HANNAH COHEN, demanded the funeral benefit of \$200. Her husband was at the time of his death, a member of this Lodge and was not disqualified as provided in Article IV of the Constitution. The Lodge refused to pay the widow the benefit. The Grand Lodge sustained its Subordinate in this refusal. The appeal is from this action.

The distinction between funeral expenses and funeral benefits is a marked one. Funeral expenses are the necessary expenses incurred in the burial of a deceased brother, and are payable to the person or persons who incur the expenses of the funeral. The Constitutional provision above quoted, declares that this payment must be made for the Lodge by the Noble Grand. Funeral benefits, on the other hand, are created not for the purpose of paying any of the funeral expenses, but for the purpose of extending aid to the family of the deceased brother. On the death of a brother not disqualified, the funeral benefit must be paid to the widow, or other person or persons nearest of kin, who in the lifetime of the brother depended upon him for support. Construing the provisions of law above quoted in the light of these well established definitions, we are forced to the conclusion that the funeral benefit provided for in the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, is the property of the widow in whose behalf this appeal is made, and must be "disposed of as provided by Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution," that is to say, must be paid by the Noble Grand to whoever is entitled to receive it—to either the widow or other person or persons nearest of kin to the deceased, who in his lifetime depended upon him for support.

It would be unwise and contrary to the laws of Odd Fellowship in relation to funeral benefits and funeral expenses to say that the funeral benefit created by the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, must be disposed of for the purpose of defraying the funeral expenses of a deceased brother of that Lodge, and that it must therefore be paid by the Noble Grand on account of the funeral. This construction would confound funeral benefits with funeral expenses and make the two the same thing. Evidently the meaning of the clause of the By-Law that the funeral benefit "shall be disposed of as provided by Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution," is not that the funeral benefit shall be disposed of *for the purpose* for which the funeral expenses are disposed of, but *in the manner* in which the funeral expenses are disposed of. This is proved by the fact stated by appellant, and not contradicted, that New York Lodge, No. 10, has "in several cases paid \$15 towards the expense of burying the brother, and \$200 to the widow as such benefit." The manner of the disposal of funeral expenses, as provided for in Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution, is by the Noble Grand paying them to the person or persons entitled to receive them. The manner, therefore, in which the funeral benefit created by the By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, shall be disposed of is by the Noble Grand paying it, and he must pay it, not for a purpose to which a funeral benefit cannot be legally applied, but to the person or persons entitled to receive it—that is to say, he must pay it either to the widow or other person or persons nearest of kin to the deceased, who in his lifetime depended on him for support.

The undersigned, influenced to the conclusion by these considerations, believe that the appeal should be sustained. They, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. H. H. LOWENTHAL, on behalf of HANNAH COHEN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York in the matter of the refusal of New York Lodge, No. 10, to pay to her the sum of \$200, the funeral benefit of the Lodge, be and hereby is sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. OBERLY, MARTIN HEISEY.

Rep. SPEAR, of Maryland, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Secretary's Report, which refers to additional compensation to Brother BRANTZ MAYER for services in translating the Spanish Ritual, have examined the matter, and from information received and evidence furnished, would recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the sum of one hundred dollars (\$100) in addition to what has already been paid, be, and is hereby appropriated, as full compensation to Brother MAYER, translator of the Spanish Ritual.

Your committee have also considered that part of the Grand Secretary's Report referring to appropriation for printing and binding volumes V. and VI. of the journals, and in view of the fact that it will become necessary to print and bind a large number of said volumes to carry out the action had by this Grand Lodge, we beg leave to offer the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That one thousand dollars (\$1000.) or so much thereof as may be necessary, be and the same is hereby appropriated for the purpose above indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

ALEX. L. SPEAR,  
ERIE J. LEECH,  
I. C. STAFFORD,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,

CHARLES B. NASH,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
JAMES B. BLANKS,  
GEORGE HASKINS.

Rep. STAFFORD, of Texas, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance, to whom were referred the preamble and resolutions presented by Rep. SHEPPARD, of Penna., beg leave to report, that we do not find anything therein requiring action by this Grand Lodge at this session, action having already been had upon several points presented in said paper, but as the document is replete with valuable statistical information, we take pleasure in recommending a careful perusal of the same.

Also, this committee, to whom was referred that part of the Grand Sire's Report relating to "Finances" and "Infringement of Copyright," have considered the same and do not find anything requiring action, further than a recommendation that the law of this Grand Lodge in relation thereto be strictly enforced by the proper officers thereof in all cases. We ask to be discharged from a further consideration of these matters.

Respectfully submitted,

I. C. STAFFORD,  
ERIE J. LEECH,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,  
CHARLES B. NASH,

ALEX. L. SPEAR,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
JAMES B. BLANKS,  
GEORGE HASKINS.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida, also the amendment to the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Vermont, after an examination, approve the same, and respectfully recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved.* That the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Florida, also the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of Vermont, be and the same are hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	J. W. SMITH,
O. W. OVIATT,	J. F. COTHRAN,
D. W. BRERETON,	HERMAN BLOCK,
S. T. GRISAMORE.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the Constitution of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, Boise City, Idaho, adopted January 23, 1877, having examined the same desire to affirm, and respectfully recommend the following resolution :

*Resolved.* That the Constitution of Idaho Encampment No. 1, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	O. W. OVIATT,
D. W. BRERETON,	J. F. COTHRAN,
J. W. SMITH,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
HERMAN BLOCK.	

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, would respectfully report that upon examination we find the same correct, and recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
J. W. SMITH,	O. W. OVIATT,
JOHN F. COTHRAN,	D. W. BRERETON,
HERMAN BLOCK.	

Rep. SMITH, of Indiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your Committee on Constitutions, to whom was referred the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, have duly considered the same and would recommend its approval.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN W. SMITH,	JOHN F. COTHRAN,
JOHN E. BELL,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
D. W. BRERETON,	HERMAN BLOCK,
O. W. OVIATT.	

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Constitutions have examined the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario, and submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the amended Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ontario be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRISAMORE,	D. W. BRERETON,
JOHN E. BELL,	J. W. SMITH,
O. W. OVIATT,	HERMAN BLOCK,
	J. F. COTHRAN.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to whom was referred the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio as amended, having considered the same, respectfully recommend the following resolution for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, as amended, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	J. F. COTHRAN,
HERMAN BLOCK,	D. W. BRERETON,
O. W. OVIATT,	J. W. SMITH,
	S. T. GRISAMORE.

Rep. GRISAMORE, of Louisiana, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The Committee on Constitutions to whom were referred certain amendments to the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, have had the same under consideration.

The first amendment reading thus: "No member of the Order within the jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge shall be qualified to serve as Grand Representative to the Grand Lodge of the United States more than two consecutive terms of two years each," is prescribing a new test of eligibility for candidates and is in violation of ancient usage and expressed opinions of this Grand Body. See Digest, folio 169, Section 766.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That the above amendment be not approved.

*Resolved*, That the remaining amendments be approved.

Respectfully submitted,

S. T. GRISAMORE,	O. W. OVIATT,
JOHN E. BELL,	D. W. BRERETON,
JNO. W. SMITH,	JNO. F. COTHRAN,
HERMAN BLOCK.	

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on Miscellaneous Business, to whom was referred the application of A. B. GROSH, page 7350, Journal, have carefully considered the subject, and respectfully report that they cannot agree with the applicant in any of the points he makes. First, he had no legal right to publish certain ceremonials of the Order, and even those which he claims to have been expressly prepared for his Manual, infringed the rights of this R. W. Body, and instead of conferring a benefit on the Order, in many respects injury was done, because ideas were advanced, constructions given and thoughts expressed which the Grand Lodge of the United States had not authorized, although they embodied the sentiments of the Order and appear on every page of our ritual.

The committee think that the author of the communication under consideration, has entirely forgotten himself in assuming to dictate to this R. W. Grand Body, either as to what it has done, what it is doing, or what it should do in regard to its fiscal affairs, or as to the dissemination of the principles of the Order. They can readily conceive why Bro. GROSH should so earnestly appeal to this R. W. Body for the privilege he asks; as a speculation it has been a source of large profit to him. A greater amount has been realized from the sale of his book than, perhaps, all other similar publications.

The committee deem it to be their duty to remark that had proper notice been taken long ago of the total disregard of the author of the Odd Fellow's Manual (Bro. GROSH) of the oft-repeated warnings of this R. W. Body, touching the publication of forms, ceremonials, &c., Bro. GROSH would have been severely censured, and his continued violation of law would have been rebuked.

For the above reasons, and many others which it is not thought necessary to give, the committee recommend that the request of A. B. GROSH be not acceded to.

They further recommend that the M. W. Grand Sire issue a specific circular, to the effect that a publication of any of the forms, lectures, ceremonials, emblems, &c., of the Order is a violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and that the perpetrator or perpetrators will be held responsible. And further, that the M. W. Grand Sire, through said circular, notify the publishers of all manuals, and other publications infringing upon the rights of this body, that they must discontinue the sale of said works, in whatever shape they may be.

Respectfully submitted,

D. N. BARROWS,	N. C. HYDE,
C. W. JONES,	JNO. E. RENGSTORFF,
GEO. H. SPORMAN,	JOSHUA DAVIS,
J. H. DECKER.	

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the History of the Order, having carefully and maturely considered the matter in their charge, would respectfully report:

That they cannot too strongly enforce the importance of bringing to a speedy conclusion and prompt publication the History of the First Decade of Odd Fellowship, ordered by this Grand Body to be written several years ago, and repeatedly sanctioned since, but the consummation of which has been delayed by the want of definite legislation to that end.

Two plans of accomplishing the desirable result in view have suggested themselves to the committee, viz: either for this Grand Lodge to assume the entire publication and sale of the History, with ample and liberal provision therefor, and making an appropriation at the same time to compensate the R. W. G. Corresponding and Recording Secretary for his services as Historiographer and to enable him to meet such obligations as he may have incurred; or, to give that officer suitable remuneration for his labor and allow him to assume the exclusive responsibility and expense of publication, under his name as author, with the endorsement of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and to receive such profits as may result from the sale of the work.

The latter plan has commended itself to the committee as that which is preferable. They desire, therefore, to submit it for the favorable consideration and action of this Grand Body. Recommending the adoption of the following resolutions they accompany the recommendation with the reiteration of their conviction of the importance of the work, of the necessity of its early completion and publication, and of the eminent fitness of the hands to which its preparation has been committed—the hands of one who not only has been, and is, more intimately identified with the great theme than any living man, but is himself a conspicuous exemplar of the virtues and greatness of our philanthropic brotherhood.

*Resolved,* That the sum of three thousand dollars (\$3000) be paid on the warrant of the M. W. Grand Sire by the R. W. Grand Treasurer, to the Historiographer, for the labors and obligations heretofore performed and incurred, and hereafter to be performed and incurred by him in the preparation of the History of the Order.

*Resolved,* That the historical manuscripts (except the Kennedy MSS.) be placed in the possession of the Historiographer, with instructions to complete the work at the earliest possible day, and bring the same to publication, he assuming the sole responsibility and cost of such publication, and receiving whatever profits may result from the sale.

*Resolved,* That, in the event the Historiographer does not bring the said history to press, the manuscripts shall revert to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and be deposited in its archives.

We ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

SEATON GALES,	W. A. BARRY,
EDWARD WILKERSON,	H. E. DODGE,
F. P. DANN,	L. I. MUNSON,
JOHN N. INGERSOLL.	

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations to whom was referred the translation of the work of the Order into the Holland tongue, recommend the adoption of the annexed resolutions:

*Resolved,* That the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary be requested to have the

translation thoroughly and critically examined, and when found to be correct, that the same be printed.

*Resolved*, That the sum of \_\_\_\_\_ be appropriated, if necessary, as recommended by the Grand Sire, to reimburse D. D. Grand Sire OSTHEIM for the expenses incurred in making the translation, and for performing the duties of Special Commissioner.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	J. P. SANDERS,
WM. A. NEWELL,	T. I. DRIGGS,
W. C. WILLISTON,	GEO. J. GARDNER,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER.	

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations are of the opinion, on examination, that the concluding suggestion of the M. W. Grand Sire's report relating to the Order in Peru, "that the rate of exchange actually paid be credited to the Lodges, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to give the Subordinate Lodges located in Peru credit for the amount of the balances appearing against them, which have been caused by the high rate of exchange in 1876 and 1877," is but just and equitable, and therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That the final recommendation of the Grand Sire be approved and carried into effect.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	J. P. SANDERS,
W. A. NEWELL,	T. I. DRIGGS,
W. C. WILLISTON,	GEORGE J. GARDNER,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER.	

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations have carefully considered that portion of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, and the accompanying correspondence, looking towards the introduction of Odd Fellowship into the Empires of China and Japan, and while they agree most cordially with that distinguished brother, that the further propagation of our Order wherever and whenever it can be safely and hopefully done, is desirable, we also share in the doubts implied in the following interrogatories of his report referring to this subject, viz: "Can we hope to find favor or encouragement from either the people or the governments under these circumstances? And is it good policy to antagonize the Order with them?" The circumstances referred to are the disabilities of race which, under our laws, will necessarily exclude the native population of those Empires from our Order if established there, and will naturally array the governments in opposition to it, and result in disaster to the enterprise.

Your committee, being of the opinion that affirmative action in this matter at the present time, is at least premature, recommend the adoption of the following resolution :

*Resolved*, That it is inexpedient at the present time to take the steps asked for looking to the introduction of the Order into Asia.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,  
W. C. WILLISTON,  
T. I. DRIGGS,

WM. A. NEWELL,  
J. P. SANDERS,  
GEO. J. GARDNER.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the same committee, made the following minority report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The undersigned desires to express his concurrence in the statement of facts in the preceding report, but he dissents from the sentiment contained in the resolution. It may be inexpedient to grant the charter sought for in the case presented by the Grand Sire; but as to the declaration adversely to the introduction of the Order into Asia, as a principle he most earnestly dissents; and further, on the contrary, he believes in the expansion of the Order throughout the civilized world, to the end that we may promote the sentiment, by ritualistic teachings, the philosophy of "man's humanity to man," and the recognition of our obligation to carry out by practice and ostensible example the principles illustrated by the Golden Rule Decree.

He offers the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it is the duty of this institution, by all means possible, conformable to the laws of people and the sentiment of society, to extend its system of moral philosophy throughout the civilized world.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, from the Committee on Petitions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States.*

The Committee on Petitions have had before them the petition of Harmony Encampment, No. 2, at New Westminster, British Columbia, asking to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon. Your committee recommend that the prayer of the petitioner be granted, and submit the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That Harmony Encampment, No. 2, located at New Westminster, British Columbia, be and is hereby placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, the latter body consenting thereto.

Respectfully submitted,

L. J. GLENN,	A. G. WALLING,
C. P. ELDER,	J. H. ROBINSON,
ALF. BENNETT,	A. H. LICHTY,
DAVID W. BOYD.	

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The special committee to whom was referred the memorial from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, respectfully report:

The memorial seems to aim at the accomplishment of the universal prosperity of the Patriarchal branch of the Order; and either directly or indirectly indicates

what the causes are that have hitherto interfered with its progress, and also, as to what the Patriarchs of that State consider necessary to be adopted to effect in the future greater proportionate increase.

While the committee fully appreciate the arguments employed in the memorial and the high degree of interest manifested in it for the general welfare of the Order, as a whole, they are unable to find proof sufficient to justify the gloomy apprehensions expressed therein as to the future of the Patriarchal department of the Order.

On the contrary, your committee are gratified to report that they find much cause to rejoice over the present as well as the past prosperity of this higher branch of our institution, and, after careful examination, feel a high degree of encouragement, and have an unbounded faith in the realization of greater success in the future.

The memorial indicates directly by resolutions what the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania wishes to be done by the Grand Lodge of the United States. One of these resolutions is as follows, viz.: "First, the Grand Lodge of the United States should reduce the degrees from five to three."

In regard to this proposition, aiming as it does at the destruction of the system that was found to be necessary by the founders of the Order in this country, and soon thereafter approved by the Brotherhood of England, and that has been instrumental in affecting the grand result of the complete success realized during the past half century, the committee consider it more legitimately belonging to the Scarlet interest of the Order, and not properly a question for criticism of the Purple degree branch. The committee, however, admit the fact that the Scarlet and Purple interests of the Order are identical in a general sense, but at the same time, they afford separate lines of action for the members to exercise their energies and ambition for the more universal evolvement of the sentiment of "man's duty to God and man."

For the above reasons the committee do not think it becomes them, or that it is within the line of propriety to recommend the proposed radical or any other change respecting the Scarlet degrees.

The committee are sensible of the fact that there are obstructions in the pathway of candidates in the Order designing to reach the high and exalted teachings of the Purple degrees, but after all things are considered, these obstructions, particularly as to delays, may be the very best conditions of probation for the general welfare. It is not always desirable to accept in the Patriarchal branch all the Scarlet members, for many of them prove to be disturbers of the peace of the brotherhood, and if their dismissal from the Order could be effected a great blessing would be practically realized.

The committee are unable to ascertain the proportion that reach the Scarlet degree. In Pennsylvania it has been ascertained to be about 2 to 3, in some States 3 to 4, and in others about 5 to 6; and from these are selected those who have proved to be acceptable as to general character and disposition for the Purple degrees. In Pennsylvania the committee find the proportion quite large. There are 94,892 members of the Order, and of these about 63,631 are Scarlet members. From this latter number have been accepted 14,430 for Patriarchal recognition, making nearly one Patriarch for every four Scarlet members. In other States these proportions differ, which lead the committee to believe that the ratio of Patriarchs is affected by local causes.

The presumed obstructions to the general increase of the Purple branch, the committee think, is not to be attributed to the defect in the system of degrees. They admit the fact that non-attendance on the conference of the Scarlet degrees is for want of attraction and excitement for the occasion; while on the other hand, the conference of the Patriarchal degrees always produces full meetings. The fault lies in the insufficiency of interest in the composition and ritual of the former, and the success of the latter is to be accredited to the superiority of the ritual. Both might with propriety be improved, but this the committee are of opinion they have no authority to discuss.

The committee consider it within their line of duty to present the following comparative facts, respecting the increase and decrease of the Order for the last four years, viz. :

	1873.	1874.	1875.	1876.
Lodge initiations.....	57,212	54,515	49,823	40,480
Encampment initiations.....	11,047	9,356	9,839	7,321

In the State of Pennsylvania the Order has decreased membership in Lodges about three and three-tenths per cent., and in the Encampments about five and three-tenths. In some of the States there has been a large increase, which indicates very clearly that the causes affecting Pennsylvania must be considered as local. A very great number of the membership of that great State are laboring people, and the whole country recognizes the fact that the financial state of affairs works oppressively upon them.

A man that only gets ninety cents per day cannot support a family, and he has nothing to expend by way of joining the Order, and if in it, to advance in the degrees. That ninety cents is not sufficient to provide nourishment to the babe that nestles upon the mother's breast.

With these facts known to the whole world, and seriously felt by all people, we might with great propriety entertain sentiments of profound gratitude to our God, that we are doing as well now as we have hitherto realized.

With these views hurriedly given, the committee report an appended resolution.

In regard to the second measure proposed by the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, viz. :

*"Second. A change of the law which makes Patriarchal standing dependent on action of the Subordinate Lodge."*

The committee respectfully report that they fully appreciate the great merit of this question, and to some extent the laws operating antagonistic to justice hitherto, ought to be modified, and with that view, a resolution is hereto appended.

As to the third and fourth resolutions presented viz. :

*"Third. Grand Lodges should reduce the cost of the degrees to a nominal sum, not to be exceeded by the By-Laws of a Subordinate Lodge."*

*"Fourth. The Grand Encampment should reduce the initiation fee, and Subordinate Encampments forbidden to increase the amount."*

The committee consider that the said third and fourth propositions properly belong to the legislation of State jurisdictions.

The committee respectfully present the following resolutions :

1. *Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the first, third and fourth propositions appended to the memorial aforesaid.

2. *Resolved*, That a member of an Encampment who shall be dropped or suspended for *non-payment of dues* by his Lodge, said act of the Lodge shall not affect the standing of said member in his Encampment for the term of *one year thereafter*; *provided*, he shall keep his dues paid up in his Encampment during that time.

Respectfully submitted,

TAL. P. SHAFFNER, WM. J. MILLER,  
GEO. HASKINS, W. H. THOMPSON,  
ROBERT H. McDANEL.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Finance Committee beg leave to present for your consideration the following Balance Sheet, as shown by the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary on the 1st day of September, 1877:

**BALANCE SHEET R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, I. O. O. F.**

We report the assets in the foregoing balance sheet to consist of the following items, as shown by the books:

Cash balance.....	\$13,474 91
United States Bonds, W. M. Fund.....	2,000 00
United States Bonds.....	15,500 00
	<u>                  </u> \$30,974 91
Bills Receivable.....	75 00
Electrotype Plates.....	4,572 10
Steel and Copper Plates.....	1,950 00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	7,912 51
Library.....	670 21
J. Vansant, Trustee W. M. Fund, (cash).....	718 48
Grand Lodge Building .....	3,265 04
History of the Order.....	1,504 50
Due from Individuals.....	147 12
Due from Grand Bodies.....	2,064 12
Due from Subordinates.....	332 24
Supplies per Inventory, (at cost).....	7,167 90
	<u>                  </u> \$30,379 22
Total assets.....	\$61,354 13
Deduct from the above, amount due Wildey Monument Fund.....	2,718 48
Leaves total net capital or assets.....	<u>                  </u> \$58,635 65

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,  
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,  
GEO. HASKINS,  
ALEX. L. SPEAR,

CHAS. B. NASH,  
LUTHER HOMES,  
JAMES B. BLANKS,  
I. C. STAFFORD.

Rep. CLOWARD, of Delaware, from the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Mileage and Per Diem herewith submit a tabular statement of mileage and per diem which Officers and Representatives are entitled to receive, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the present session, and offer the following:

*Resolved.* That the mileage and per diem allowed in the accompanying table to each Officer and Representative, is hereby ordered paid.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. CLOWARD,      W. H. VIRDEN,  
D. B. SHIDEKER,      R. H. HOTCHKISS,  
                          PETER HAMMA.

TABLE OF MILEAGE AND PER DIEM.

PLACE OF NATIVITY.	PROFESSION.	TOWN OR Post Office.	STATE.	MILES TRAVELED.	Days in Attendance.	MILEAGE.	PER DIEM.	TOTAL.
Stokes, J. W., M. W. G. Sire...	Lawyer.....	Philadelphia....	Penna.....	98	7	\$9 80	\$42 00	\$51 80
Harmon, J. B., R. W. D. G. Sire.	Lawyer.....	San Francisco....	Califonia.....	3216	7	321 60	42 00	363 60
Ridgely, J. L., R. W. G. C. & R. S.	Lawyer.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Vansant, Joshua, R. W. G. Treas.	City Comptroller...	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ross, Theo. A., R. W. Asst. G. S.	Asst. Grand Sec....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Venable, J. W., R. W. G. Ch'p'l.	Dis. Colun Clergyman.....	Versailles.....	Kentucky.....	718	7	71 80	42 00	113 80
Smith, J. W., R. W. G. Mar.....	Fire Ins. Agent...	Waterbury....	Conn.....	280	7	28 00	42 00	70 00
McQuiddy, J. W., R. W. G. Guar..	Sec. I. O. O. F. Aid As.	Indianapolis...	Indiana....	715	7	71 50	42 00	113 50
Hudson, J. W., R. W. G. Mess...	Manufacturer.....	Madison.....	Wisconsin.....	933	7	93 30	42 00	135 30
Chamberlain, J. E., R. W. G. Mess.	Messenger.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Armstrong, James A.....	Manufacturer.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	588	7	58 80	42 00	100 80
Backensto, J. F.....	N. York.....	Albany.....	Oregon.....	3910	7	391 00	42 00	433 00
Bagley, W. H.....	N. Carol'a Clk. of Sup. Court..	Raleigh.....	N. Carol'a	339	7	33 90	42 00	75 90
Barber, L. K.....	N. York...	Woodville.....	Miss.....	1376	7	137 60	42 00	179 60
Barry, W. A.....	Tenn.....	Nashville.....	Tenn.....	815	7	81 50	42 00	123 50
Barrows, D. N.....	Mass.....	Jackson.....	Miss.....	1101	7	110 10	42 00	152 10
Beatty, Frank G.....	Penna.....	Grass Valley...	California...	3089	7	308 90	42 00	350 90

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Bell, John E.....	Phila.....	Real Estate Dealer.	Cincinnati.....	Ohio.....	588	\$58.80	\$42.00
Bennett, Alfred.....	N. York.....	Insurance Agent....	Hannibal.....	Missouri.....	1012	101.20	42.00
Betton, Frank H.....	N. Hamp.....	Miller.....	Kansas.....	Kansas.....	1283	128.30	42.00
Bigelow, George H.....	Canada.....	Journalist.....	Pomeroy.....	Vermont.....	496	49.60	42.00
Blanks, James B.....	Virginia.....	Teller.....	Burlington.....	Petersburg.....	178	17.80	42.00
Blatt, William.....	Germany.....	Merchant.....	Petersburg.....	Virginia.....	1396	139.60	42.00
Block, Herman.....	Germany.....	Attorney at Law....	Yankton.....	Dakota.....	978	97.80	42.00
Boyd, Colin M.....	Scotland....	Deputy Co. Clerk....	Davenport.....	Iowa.....	3216	321.60	42.00
Boyd, David W.....	Maryland.....	Manufacturer.....	San Francisco.....	California.....	263	26.30	42.00
Boyles, George B.....	Tenn.....	Lawyer.....	Birmingham.....	Conn.....	815	81.50	42.00
Bradley, S. H.....	Penna.....	Judge.....	Fayetteville.....	Tenn.....	1920	192.00	42.00
Brereton, Daniel W.....	Delaware.....	Post Master.....	Black Hawk.....	Colorado.....	174	17.40	42.00
Busbee, Chas. M.....	N. Carolina.....	Lawyer.....	Lewes.....	Delaware.....	339	33.90	42.00
Cleaver, J. D.....	N. Jersey.....	Lawyer.....	Raleigh.....	N. Carolina.....	177	17.70	42.00
Cloward, W. H.....	Delaware.....	Book-keeper.....	Newark.....	N. Jersey.....	70	7.00	42.00
Cochran, S. C.....	Ireland.....	Merchant.....	Wilmington.....	Delaware.....	1124	112.40	42.00
Cohen, A.....	Prussia.....	Watchmaker.....	Canton.....	Miss.....	1148	114.80	42.00
Cothran, John F.....	Alabama.....	Printer.....	Little Rock.....	Arkansas.....	1058	105.80	42.00
Cox, Norval W.....	Indiana.....	Attorney.....	Mobile.....	Alabama.....	1148	114.80	42.00
			Little Rock.....	Arkansas.....			156.80

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Crane, Aaron B.....	N. Jersey.....	Mechanic.....	Newark.....	N. Jersey .....	177	\$17 70	\$59 70
Cummings, George A.....	N. Hamp.....	Marble Dealer .....	Concord .....	N. Hamp .....	451	42 00	87 10
Dann, F. P.....	N. York.....	Lawyer .....	San Francisco.....	California .....	321	42 00	363 60
Davis, Joshua.....	Maine.....	Grand Secretary.....	Portland .....	Maine.....	516	42 00	93 60
Day, Fayette S.....	N. York.....	Real Estate Agent .....	Allegan .....	Michigan .....	808	80 80	122 80
Dean, George.....	Scotland .....	Mechanic.....	Detroit .....	Michigan .....	672	42 00	109 20
Decker, J. H.....	Kentucky .....	Attorney at Law .....	Boulder .....	Colorado .....	1896	42 00	231 60
Deuel, A. C.....	N. York .....	Supt. of Schools .....	Urbana .....	Ohio .....	577	42 00	99 70
Dodge, Herbert E.....	Mass .....	Dyer .....	Providence .....	R. Island .....	380	42 00	80 00
Dowden, M. S.....	Kentucky .....	Farmer .....	Lexington .....	Kentucky .....	682	42 00	110 20
Driggs, Theo. I.....	Conn.....	Manufacturer .....	Waterbury .....	Conn .....	280	42 00	70 00
Dye, Walter G.....	N. York .....	Publisher .....	Winona .....	Minnesota .....	1101	42 00	152 10
Dyer, Stephen K.....	Maine.....	Assessor .....	Portland .....	Maine .....	516	42 00	93 60
Elder, C. P.....	Penna.....	Real Estate Agent .....	Denver .....	Colorado .....	1849	42 00	226 90
Fitzhugh, E. H.....	Virginia .....	Judge .....	Richmond .....	Virginia .....	156	42 00	57 60
Ford, J. C.....	Ireland .....	Merchant .....	Lincoln .....	Nebraska .....	1375	42 00	179 50
Ford, Wm. N.....	Canada .....	Gentleman .....	St. Mary's .....	Ontario .....	562	42 00	98 20
Gales, Seaton.....	N. Caroli'a .....	Editor .....	Raleigh .....	N. Caroli'a .....	339	42 00	75 90
Gardner, George J.....	Mass .....	Banker .....	Syracuse .....	N. York .....	479	42 00	89 90

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Garey, Henry F.	Maryland	Judge.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland	\$533	7	\$42 00
Gibson, John.....	Scotland..	Baker .....	Stratford .....	Ontario ...	40	7	95 30
Given, John T.	Dis. Colum	Merchant.....	Washington .....	Dis. Colum	704	7	46 00
Glenn, L. J.....	Georgia...	Lawyer.....	Atlanta.....	Georgia...	1305	7	112 40
Goodrich, St. John.....	N. York...	Merchant.....	Omaha.....	Nebraska.	1259	7	172 50
Grisamore, Silas T.	Indiana...	Merchant.....	Thibodaux.....	Louisiana.	1259	7	167 90
Gwinner, Saml. F.	Penna...	Lawyer.....	Taylorsville.....	Penna,.....	140	7	56 00
Haskins, George.....	N. York...	Jeweller.....	New York City	N. York ...	186	7	60 60
Havener, John F.	Dis. Colum	Baker .....	Washington .....	Dis. Colum	40	7	46 00
Havens, Luke M.....	Ohio .....	Book-keeper .....	Fort Scott.....	Kansas.....	1342	7	176 20
Haynie, J. A.....	Tenn...	Merchant.....	Waco .....	Texas.....	1629	7	204 90
Heisey, M....	Penna.....	Contractor.....	Anamosa.....	Iowa.....	1015	7	143 50
Herring, M. D.....	Miss.....	Lawyer.....	Waco .....	Texas.....	1629	7	204 90
Hickok, Chas. N.....	N. York...	Dentist.....	Bedford .....	Penna.....	235	7	65 50
Hildreth, Chas. F.	Mass...	Physician.....	Suncook .....	N. Hamp...	465	7	88 50
Hill, Amos.....	Mass.....	Civil Engineer.....	Stonham .....	Mass.....	418	7	83 80
Homes, Luther.....	Mass.....	Mechanic.....	New Orleans.....	Louisiana.	1199	7	161 90
Hotchkiss, R. H.....	N. York...	Miller .....	Plymouth.....	Wisconsin.....	939	7	135 90
Hurley, Geo. W.....	Maryland.	Merchant.....	Newport .....	Arkansas.	1067	7	148 70

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Hyde, Nelson C.....	Vermont.....	Farmer.....	Poultney.....	Vermont.....	429	\$42 90	\$42 00	\$84 90
Ingersoll, John N.....	N. York.....	Editor.....	Corunna.....	Michigan.....	747	74 70	42 00	116 70
Johnson, Wm. S.....	R. Island.....	Merchant.....	Providence .....	R. Island.....	380	38 00	42 00	80 00
Jones, John M.....	Maryland.....	Grand Secretary.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland.....	.....	.....	42 00	42 00
Jones, C. W.....	Vermont.....	General Business.....	Reno .....	Nevada .....	2916	291 60	42 00	333 60
Jones, James V.....	N. York.....	Lumberman .....	Oshkosh.....	Wisconsin.....	974	97 40	42 00	139 40
Kennedy, W. B.....	Ohio .....	Com. Merchant.....	Cincinnati.....	Ohio .....	588	58 80	42 00	100 80
Kibbee, Chas. C.....	Georgia .....	Lawyer.....	Hawkinsville.....	Georgia .....	805	80 50	42 00	122 50
Kidder, Joseph.....	N. Hamp.....	Lecturer .....	Manchester .....	N. Hamp.....	433	43 30	42 00	85 30
Kimball, J. B.....	N. York.....	Wholesale Grocer .....	Kendallville .....	Indiana .....	688	68 80	42 00	110 80
Kretschmer, Chas. G.....	Germany .....	Teacher.....	Dubuque .....	Iowa.....	997	99 70	42 00	141 70
Leavitt, Almon C.....	Vermont.....	Railroad Agent.....	Laconia .....	N. Hamp.....	500	50 00	42 00	92 00
Leech, Erie J.....	N. York.....	Lawyer.....	Keokuk .....	Iowa.....	1052	105 20	42 00	147 20
Lichty, A. H.....	Ohio .....	Insurance Agent.....	Mount Carroll .....	Illinois.....	950	95 00	42 00	137 00
McDanel, Robert H.....	Maryland.....	Coachmaker .....	Wilmington .....	Delaware .....	70	7 00	42 00	49 00
McKinney, A. T.....	Illinois.....	Lawyer.....	Huntsville .....	Texas.....	1523	152 30	42 00	194 30
McLean, Wm. R.....	Dis. Colum.....	Printer.....	Washington .....	Dis. Colum .....	40	4 00	42 00	46 00
Miller, Wm. J.....	R. Island.....	Manufacturer .....	Bristol .....	R. Island.....	395	39 50	42 00	81 50
Morris, W. W.....	N. York.....	State Ins. Agent.....	Louisville .....	Kentucky .....	698	69 80	42 00	111 80

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Muckle, M. Richards...	Penna...	Business Manager...	Philadelphia...	Penna.....	98	\$9.80	\$42.00
Munson, L. I.....	Conn.....	Druggist .....	Waterbury .....	Conn.....	280	28.00	70.00
Nash, Chas. B.....	Maine.....	Merchant.....	Portland .....	Maine.....	516	51.60	42.00
Newell, Wm. A.....	Ohio .....	Physician.....	Allentown .....	N. Jersey.	141	14.10	42.00
Nutt, Wm. N.....	N. Jersey..	Clerk.....	Trenton .....	N. Jersey.	131	13.10	42.00
Oberly, John H.....	Ohio .....	Printer.....	Cairo.....	Illinois.....	895	89.50	42.00
Oviatt, O. W.....	Conn.....	Merchant.....	St. Joseph.....	Michigan.	765	76.50	42.00
Pearce, Chas. C.....	Florida.	Lumberman .....	Tallahassee .....	Florida.....	983	98.30	42.00
Peck, E. A.....	Virginia...	Merchant.....	Clarksburg .....	W. Va.....	302	30.20	42.00
Perry, John Ham...	Canada...	Register .	Whithy.....	Ontario.....	554	55.40	42.00
Pike, Edwin S.....	N. York...	Printer.....	St. Louis.....	Missouri .....	928	92.80	42.00
Porter, Nathan.....	Mass.....	Lawyer.....	Alameda.....	California.....	3216	321.60	42.00
Pressey, W. E.....	Maine.....	Merchant.....	Lewiston .....	Maine.....	552	55.20	42.00
Price, John M.....	Kentucky	Attorney at Law...	Atchison.....	Kansas.....	1294	129.40	42.00
Rawlings, Chas. H.....	Maryland	Book Binder...	Baltimore .....	Maryland .....	1199	119.90	42.00
Rengstorff, John E.....	Germany..	Merchant.....	New Orleans...	Louisiana	633	63.30	42.00
Robbe, C. A.....	N. Hamp...	Mechanic .....	Augusta.....	Georgia .....	757	75.70	42.00
Robertson, Reuben....	Kentucky	Township Clerk...	New Albany...	Indiana .....	953	95.30	42.00
Robertson, Thos.....	N. Scotia...	Clerk.....	Barrington .....	N. Scotia...	137	137.30	

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Robinson, Jacob H.....	Virginia....	Tax Collector.....	Lynchburg.....	Virginia....	219 3	\$21 90	\$39 90
Rodolf, Theodore.....	Switzerl'd.	Insurance Agent.....	La Crosse.....	Wisconsin	1086 7	108 60	150 60
Rosler, John H.....	Germany..	Sheriff .....	Charlestown.....	W. Va....	427 7	42 00	84 70
Shaffner, Tal. P.....	Virginia...	Lawyer.....	Louisville.....	Kentucky	698 7	69 80	42 00
Sheire, Monroe.....	N. York...	Architect .....	St. Paul.....	Minnesota	1205 7	120 50	42 00
Sheppard, I. A.....	N. Jersey...	Iron Founder.....	Philadelphia .....	Penna.....	98 7	9 80	42 00
Sherman, E. B.....	Vermont..	Lawyer.....	Chicago.....	Illinois ...	795 7	79 50	42 00
Shideler, D. B.....	Indiana...	Insurance Agent...	Indianapolis .....	Indiana...	715 7	71 50	42 00
Smith, John W.....	Kentucky	Physician .....	Gosport.....	Indiana ..	760 7	76 00	42 00
Smith, J. C.....	N. York...	Mechanic.....	Virginia.....	Nevada...	2966 7	296 60	42 00
Spates, Thomas S.....	Maryland	Merchant.....	Clarksburg .....	W. Va.....	302 7	30 20	42 00
Spear, Alex. L.....	Maryland	Jeweller.....	Baltimore.....	Maryland .....	7.....	7.....	42 00
Sporman, George H.....	Alabama...	City Clerk.....	Eufaula.....	Alabama...	959 7	95 90	42 00
Stafford, I. C.....	Louisiana.	Merchant.....	Houston .....	Texas.....	1622 7	162 20	42 00
Stebbins, John W.....	N. York...	Lawyer.....	Rochester .....	N. York...	354 7	35 40	42 00
Stickney, Horace W.....	N. Hamp...	Salesman .....	South Boston .....	Mass.....	420 7	42 00	42 00
St. John, Ezra.....	Ohio.....	Builder .....	Portland.....	Oregon .....	3829 7	382 90	42 00
Stumbles, W. W.....	P. E. Isl'nd	Com. Merchant.....	Charlottetown .....	P. E. Isl'nd	1090 7	109 00	42 00
Taylor, Nathan.....	Mass.....	Merchant.....	Worcester.....	Mass.....	378 7	37 80	42 00

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Terry, Stephen.....	Conn.....	Lawyer.....	Hartford.....	Conn.....	\$299	\$29	\$71 90
Thompson, W. H.....	Penna.....	Pres. Lead & Oil Co.	St. Louis.....	Missouri...	928	7	42 00
Ticknor, James S.....	N. York...	Expressman .....	Rockford.....	Illinois....	893	7	42 00
Tompkins, John R.....	S. Carol'a	Lawyer.....	Mobile .....	Alabama...	1058	7	42 00
Underwood, John C.....	Dis. Colum	Civil Engineer.....	Bowling Green	Kentucky	813	7	42 00
Virden, W. H.....	Illinois ...	Newspaper Man's'r	Gold Hill.....	Nevada...	2966	7	42 00
Vivian, John H.....	England...	Physician.....	Mineral Point	Wisconsin	985	7	42 00
Walling, Albert G.....	Illinois...	Printer.....	Portland.....	Oregon...	3829	7	42 00
Weakley, Joseph L.....	Tenn...	Merchant.....	Nashville.....	Tenn...	815	7	42 00
Wellington, Horatio....	Mass...	Coal Merchant.....	Charlestown ...	Mass...	430	7	42 00
White, John H.....	N. York...	Lawyer.....	Albion .....	N. York...	385	6	42 00
Wilkerson, Edward....	Virginia...	Pres. Insurance Co..	St. Louis.....	Missouri...	928	7	42 00
Williston, W. C.....	S. Carol'a	Lawyer.....	Redwing.....	Minnesota	1164	7	42 00
Woodhouse, Charles....	Conn...	Physician.....	Rutland.....	Vermont...	429	7	42 00
Woodyatt, James.....	England...	City Clerk.....	Brantford .....	Ontario ...	500	7	42 00
Zimmerer, Anton.....	Germany...	Merchant.....	Nebraska City	Nebraska	1305	7	42 00
	128 770	996			\$12,877 00		\$18,853 00

On motion of Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7346, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of A. ORENDOFF from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to amend the report by inserting in the last line the word "not," so that the concluding paragraph will read: "Wherefore your committee recommend that the appeal be not sustained."

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7347, from the same committee, on the appeal of ROBERT PYE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered.

Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky, moved to amend by substituting the following for the last paragraph of the report:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of ROBERT PYE from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky be sustained in so far as to refer the whole matter back to the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, with instructions to investigate the case upon all the papers presented here, notwithstanding the absence of the Subordinate Lodge seal.

Rep. SMITH, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. UNDERWOOD, of Kentucky?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7357, from the Committee on Petitions, on the application for a charter for Mount Sinai Lodge, No. 2, at Amsterdam, Kingdom of the Netherlands, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, to be attached to the Grand Encampment of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, confirming the warrants issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, during the recess, for sundry Subordinate Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7358, from the same committee, confirming the warrants issued by the M. W. Grand Sire, during the recess, for sundry Subordinate Lodges, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7361, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the first decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of a new Standing Committee on Property, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7362, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of J. T. BROWN and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nevada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the District of Columbia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7363, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BETTON, of Kansas, concerning the right of Grand Lodges to tax their subordinates "to create a widows' and orphans' endowment," was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of EDWIN ROUNDS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved to amend by striking out the last clause in the report, and the resolution, and insert the following:

WHEREAS, This Grand Lodge from its earliest history has adhered to the principle of the payment of weekly benefits to bona fide members when sick, as one of its fundamental principles; and

WHEREAS, The theory of our Order is that "good standing in the Order" is in no sense dependent upon the degrees to which the member has attained; therefore,

*Resolved*, That to deprive a member of benefits solely on account of his not having attained to one or more of the degrees of our Order, is inconsistent with the principles of Odd Fellowship.

*Resolved*, That the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in the matter of the appeal of Bro. EDWIN ROUNDS be not sustained.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved to postpone the further consideration of the report until to-morrow morning at 10 o'clock, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment,

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7364, from the same committee, on the appeal of BENJAMIN F. REYNOLDS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7365, from the Judiciary Committee, on the Memorial of the Subordinate Lodges in the Indian Territory, was considered.

Rep. BLATT, of Dakota, moved to amend by striking out of the resolution all after the word "subject," which was agreed to, and the report as amended was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the By-Laws of Royal Purple Encampment, No. 1, of Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7366, from the same committee, on the Constitution of McAlister Lodge, No. 3, of the Indian Territory, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the decision of the Grand Sire, reported on Journal page 6752, sustaining the decision of the Grand Master of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the complaint of Dr. HAUSLEUTNER against Eclipse Lodge, No. 444, Chicago, Illinois, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7367, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the informal application for a Lodge at Havana, Cuba, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the condition of Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo-American Encampment, No. 1, London, England, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the proposition of the Manchester Unity Odd Fellows, England, for a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7368, from the same committee, on the relations with the jurisdiction of Australia, authorizing the Grand Sire to visit that country and effect an adjustment of the present complications there existing, was considered.

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved to amend by adding the following :

And that one thousand dollars, or so much thereof, as may be necessary, be appropriated to defray his expenses.

Pending the consideration of which, the hour of 2 o'clock having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess until 3:30 o'clock P. M.

3½ O'CLOCK P. M.

The Lodge assembled pursuant to the order for recess.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The subject under consideration at the time of adjournment, viz.: the amendment proposed by Rep. HERRING, of Texas, to the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations on the subject of the jurisdiction of Australia, was resumed.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved to further amend by adding, as follows :

*Provided*, That in the event of the inability or refusal of the Grand Sire to perform said duty, the Deputy Grand Sire, JOHN B. HARMON, be authorized and empowered to act in his stead.

Which was accepted by Rep. HERRING, of Texas, the mover of the amendment.

Rep. KIMBALL, of Indiana, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. HERRING, of Texas?" which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the report as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Armstrong, Barber, Barrows, Beatty, Blatt, Boyd, of California, Boyd, of Connecticut, Brereton, Cleaver, (2 votes,) Cohen, (2 votes,) Cothran, Crane, Cummings, Dann, Davis, Decker, DeGress, Deuel, (2 votes,) Dowden, Dyer, Elder, Fitzhugh, Ford, of Ontario, Glenn, Goodrich, Grisamore, (2 votes) Gwinner, Hamma, Haynie, Heisey, Herring, Hickok, Homes, Johnson, Jones, of Nevada, Kennedy, Kidder, Kimball, Lichy, McDanel, (2 votes,) McKinney, Miller, Morris, (2 votes,) Muckle, Munson, Nash, Nutt, Oberly, Oviatt, Perry, (2 votes,) Pike, Porter, Robertson, of Indiana, Robertson, of L. Prov., Shaffner, Sheppard, Sherman, Shideler, Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Stafford, Stebbins, (2 votes,) Stumbles, Terry, (2 votes,) Ticknor, Virden, Vivian, White, (2 votes,) Wilkerson, Williston, Woodyatt, Zimmerer, (2 votes.)—84.

NAYS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barry, Betton, Bigelow, Blanks, Block, Boyles, Cochran, Day, Dean, (2 votes,) Dye, Gales, Given, Havener, Havens, Hildreth, Hotchkiss, Hyde, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kibbee, Kretschmer, Leavitt, Leech, McLean, Pearce, Pressey, Price, Rawlings, Robbe, Rodolf, Rosler, (2 votes,) Sheire, Spates, Spear, (2 votes,) Sporman, St. John, Thompson, (2 votes,) Tompkins, Walling, Weakley, Woodhouse.—47.

Rep. WOODHOUSE, of Vermont, asked and obtained leave of absence for Reps. HILL and TAYLOR, of Massachusetts, after this day.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to reconsider the vote by which the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations was adopted.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to lay the motion on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

The yeas and nays being demanded, appeared as follows:

YEAS.—Reps. Armstrong, Barber, Beatty, Blatt, Boyd, of California, Brereton, Cleaver, (2 votes,) Cohen, Cothran, Crane, Cummings, Dann, Davis, Decker, (2 votes) DeGress, Dyer, (2 votes,) Elder, Ford, of Ontario, Gardner, Goodrich, Grisamore, (2 votes) Gwinner, Hamma, Haynie, Heisey, Herring, (2 votes,) Hickok, Homes, Hurley, Ingersoll, Johnson, Jones, of Nevada, Kidder, Lichy, McDanel, (2 votes,) McKinney, Miller, Muckle, Munson, Oberly, Perry, (2 votes,) Porter, Price, Robertson, of Indiana, Robertson, of L. Prov., Shaffner, Sheppard, Sherman, Shideler, (2 votes,) Simons, Smith, of Indiana, Smith, of Nevada, Stebbins, Stumbles, Terry, (2 votes,) Ticknor, Vivian, White, Woodyatt, Zimmerer, (2 votes.)—70.

NAYS.—Reps. Backensto, Bagley, Barrows, Barry, Betton, (2 votes,) Bigelow, Blanks, Block, (2 votes) Boyd, of Connecticut, Boyles, Cochran, Cox, Day, Dean, Deuel, (2 votes,) Dowden, Dye, Fitzhugh, Gales, Given, Glenn, Haskins, Havener, Hildreth, Hotchkiss, Hyde, Jones, of Maryland, Jones, of Wisconsin, Kennedy, Kibbee, Leavitt, Leech, McLean, Morris, (2 votes,) Nutt, Pearce, Peck, Pike, Pressey, Rawlings, Robbe, Robinson, Rodolf, Rosler, Sheire, Spates, Spear, (2 votes,) Sporman, St. John, Thompson, (2 votes,) Tompkins, Virden, Walling, Weakley, Wilkerson, Williston, Woodhouse.—63.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, on behalf of Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, presented to the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, for preservation in the Library of the Grand Lodge, a handsome copy of "Odd Fellowship Illustrated, in an address delivered before the Grand Lodge of the State of Kentucky, by TAL. P. SHAFFNER, L. L. D., Past Grand Representative," when

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted :

*Resolved*, That the thanks of this Grand Lodge be tendered to Grand Rep. SHAFFNER for the valuable volume entitled "Odd Fellowship Illustrated," this day presented to this Body.

Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, the consideration of which was, on his motion, postponed until to-morrow :

*Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary ; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

*Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the M. W. Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, submitted the following, which was referred to the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah :

At the annual session of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, held in Portsmouth, Ohio, May, 1877, the following report of a Special Committee of said body was considered and agreed to :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Ohio :*

The Special Committee appointed on the Degree of Rebekah, would ask that the Representatives to the Grand Lodge of the United States be required, as the sense of this Grand Lodge, to ask for a dispensation for granting visiting cards to brothers wishing to visit Lodges in other jurisdictions than that in which their Lodges are situated; also to remove any and all embarrassments in the way of Lodges having power to accept or reject by ballot any applicant for

admission; and would further recommend some legislation with reference to making degrees in R. D. Lodges.

In accordance with the above request the following resolution is respectfully submitted for the consideration of the R. W. Grand Lodge:

*Resolved*, That provision be made for the issuing of visiting cards to brothers desiring to visit Lodges of the Degree of Rebekah in other jurisdictions than that in which their Lodges are located. Also, that some legislation be presented with reference to making degrees in the Rebekah Degree Lodges.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, laid on the table the following amendments to the Constitution:

Amend Article I by striking out Section 1 and insert as follows:

Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Amend Section 4 of Article XVI by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge" in the seventh line of said section, and insert as follows:

That the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three-fourths of the Representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor, the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card—it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away, this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.

Amend Article XVII by striking out all after the words "Grand Lodge."

W. H. THOMPSON, of Missouri,  
TAL. P. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky,  
JOHN H. OBERLY, of Illinois,  
ERIE J. LEECH, of Iowa,  
I. C. STAFFORD, of Texas.

Rep. GIVEN, of the District of Columbia, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the following resolution, submitted by Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, to wit:

"*Resolved*, That it is a necessary qualification for all appointed officers in a Subordinate Lodge to be in possession of the Scarlet Degree, except the Scene Supporters."

Would respectfully report that they cannot discoverer any general law applicable to the case, but it appears to your committee that the original intention of the Grand Lodge of the United States was that all officers of Subordinate Lodges, appointed, as well as elected, should possess the Scarlet Degree, as charters for Subordinates can only be granted to members of said Degree, although your committee cannot perceive any impropriety in allowing members who may not have attained the Scarlet Degree to serve as Chaplain and Scene Supporters, and would therefore recommend the approval of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That it shall be a necessary qualification for all members appointed to official position in a Subordinate Lodge, that they shall have attained the

Scarlet Degree, except that of Chaplain and Scene Supporters; but in the event of the contingency arising, that the office of either Right or Left Supporter to the Vice Grand cannot be filled with brethren possessing the Scarlet Degree, then it may be permissible to appoint to these positions those not having attained said degree.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN T. GIVEN,	H. F. GAREY,
J. W. STEBBINS,	STEPHEN TERRY,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,
HORACE W. STICKNEY,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
S. H. BRADLEY.	

Rep. KENNEDY, of Ohio, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, to whom were referred the resolutions from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, presented by Rep. JONES, of that State, would respectfully report as follows:

In reference to the first resolution, your committee deem the legislation had on this subject in 1868 and 1871, (see Digest 509, 509a, Journal 4383, 4416, 5186, 5223,) gives all the authority necessary for balloting on application for membership.

The reports from the several jurisdictions in reference to the Degree of Rebekah, fully demonstrate the necessity of some action or legislation on the part of this R. W. Grand Lodge, to increase the interest in this beautiful degree. It is strongly advocated by the friends of the degree that by removing the disability to the highest office, or, in other words, making the sisters eligible to any office in the Lodge, would greatly enhance the interest and increase the prosperity of the Rebekah Degree Lodges. This change, your committee are aware, would necessitate the abrogation of the use of the term Pass Word of the Subordinate Lodge by the brothers, in this degree, yet it would, at the same time, secure uniformity in the tests of the degree, and throw a greater safeguard around the term P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge.

Your committee, believing this valuable branch of our Order should have all the encouragement possible, present the following resolutions, feeling assured that, by their adoption, the interest and value of the degree would be enhanced, viz:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the only qualification for office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be: 1st. Such member shall be an actual contributing member in good standing in such Lodge; 2d. No member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the term P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge shall not be applicable to or used in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and the pass words of the Rebekah Degree shall alone be used by both sexes therein from and after the first day of January next.

*Resolved*, That all former legislation, in conflict with the foregoing resolutions, is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted,

W. B. KENNEDY,	WM. N. FORD,
JNO. F. HAVENNER,	THOS. S. SPATES,
THEODORE RODOLF,	CHAS. F. HILDRETH.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, have fully considered that part of the Grand Secretary's report in relation to this degree, and report :

That they appreciate the importance of the subject, involving as it does a radical change in the work and operations of the degree, and at the same time being satisfied of the difficulty, in the limited duration of the session, of perfecting any plan or system for carrying out the Grand Secretary's suggestion, or any other which would give the degree a new vitality in its present form, or a new starting point of energy and success, would therefore recommend that the whole subject be referred to a special committee, and reported upon at the next session.

Respectfully submitted,

JNO. F. HAVENNER,  
THOMAS S. SPATES,  
THEODORE RODOLF,

CHAS. F. HILDRETH,  
W. B. KENNEDY  
WM. N. FORD.

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, from the Committee on Correspondence, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Your Committee on Correspondence, to whom was referred the correspondence of the M. W. Grand Sire and R. W. Grand Secretary pertaining to the German Empire, beg leave to report that in connection with the correspondence contained in the reports of the above named Grand officers, your committee has in its hands a communication received by the Grand Secretary too late for publication, which, in order to make our recommendations clear, we beg leave to insert at this point:

I. O. O. F.

OFFICE OF THE R. W. GRAND SECRETARY,  
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE,  
BERLIN, August 29th, 1877.

*To the M. W. Grand Sire, Officers and Members*

*of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States :*

Most RESPECTED GENTLEMEN AND BROTHERS: As the printed proceedings of the session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire may not be published early enough to forward the same to you at your present session, and since at our recent session resolutions were passed so important that the same will touch our entire Odd Fellowship, and as I am besides authorized to forward the same to you, my most respected brethren, I can but for the present transmit to you said resolutions by writing:

1. *Resolved*, To drop the obligatory benefits, and to introduce instead facultative benefits.

2. *Resolved*, That the sessions of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire shall take place after this only every two years, and the next one shall take place in 1879 in the City of Dresden.

3. *Resolved*, To enter into negotiations with the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States to the effect to render it possible for the R. W. Grand Lodge of the U. S. to leave to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire the publication of rituals and other printed matter required by it.

As regards the last two resolutions, the same have their origin in the unfavorable financial condition of almost all the Bodies.

The dues of the Subordinate and District Grand Lodges had to be lessened, and economy, wherever possible, had to be resorted to. The general opinion has been that the subject matters accumulating during the interval of biennial sessions could be disposed of during the same time as now, and thereby at least the travelling expenses for one year could be saved. To strengthen the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, besides in their financial condition, the resolution about acquiring the proprietary right of printed matters has been adopted. As regards the carrying out of this resolution, permit me to refer you to my letter of the 30th of July last, and I am of the firm conviction that relying upon the always fraternal feeling on the part of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, the prayer of this Grand Body will be favorably considered, as requested in the last mentioned letter. I have already described formally all matters of print which, without the consent of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States cannot be altered.

The most important of the above resolutions is decidedly the one first mentioned. For years this question has been agitating us, and you, respected brethren, have already approached it in so far as to appoint a committee, who through your Secretary of State, Mr. FISH, applied to the resident Minister of the United States, Mr. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, to induce him to act as a mediator in the demand of the Royal President of Police. All steps hitherto taken have been without any result, and the Royal President of Police up to date insists upon his demand, viz: That if the question of benefits is not removed from our Constitution and By-Laws, the Lodges and Encampments will be placed in the same category as the sick and funeral endowment associations, and he will place us under section 360 Police Laws, of which I sent a copy on the 30th ult., and thereby subject us to the control of the State. Though we, with heavy hearts, had to submit to such an order, keenly cutting into the interest of our Order, mere necessity compelled us to it, and we trust, with God's help, that by this, our resolution, a decidedly favorable result towards the development of the German jurisdiction, may be achieved, and the intimate relation of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, and its members to the entire membership of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, may not be in the least disturbed. May God grant this.

Having thus accomplished the orders entrusted to me, I would also state that at the present session of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the G. E., it has been impossible for us to accomplish the desire of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, viz: to send an official Representative of this Grand Lodge to your session.

The new translation of our working books, which are about to be published, I respectfully submit for your examination, and ask you to give them your approval.

In conclusion, with our heart-felt blessings on the labors of the ensuing session, I can assure you that we this side of the ocean, are imbued with the deepest interest in regard to your work. May the enactments of the present session contribute to the welfare of our beloved Order as well as for entire humanity. With most fraternal salutations, I sign myself

Most respectfully in F. L. and T.,

F. MEYENDORF, *Grand Secretary.*

Referring to the subject matter of the first resolution contained in the above communication, it appears from the same, taken in connection with the printed correspondence contained on pages 7183 and 7184 of the report of the Grand Sire, and pages 7242 to 7244 and 7275 to 7277 of the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, that there exists in the penal code of the German Empire the following:

## SECTION 29—TRESPASSES.

§ 360. With fine (not exceeding 150 marks) or imprisonment.

ART. IX. Whosoever, contrary to law, and without the consent of the government, establishes endowment, funeral or widows' and orphans' funds, or insurance or other similar societies or institutions, stipulating in consideration of the receipt of entrance fees or of dues, the payment of any capital or annuity.

The police authorities of Berlin construed the foregoing article as applicable to the Subordinate Lodges of Odd Fellows, because of the stipulation contained in their organic law to pay a fixed sum as benefits.

On request of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, the friendly offices of the Hon. J. C. BANCROFT DAVIS, the American Minister at Berlin, were invoked, but, as it would seem, without any permanent successful results.

The Order in the German Empire was compelled either to abolish the system of benefits, as it then existed, and to substitute therefor "facultative" benefits, by which term we understand benefits according to the ability or disposition of the Lodge under the circumstances of each case, or to obtain the governmental permission, and to be placed under the control and supervision of the government, or to be placed in hostility to the laws of the German Empire, and the Noble Grands of the Lodges subjected to the penalties of the law as above set forth.

In this critical condition the Grand Lodge of the German Empire adopted the first resolution.

It is evident that this action of the Grand Lodge was not prompted by a desire to evade the payment of fixed benefits, which is and has ever been recognized as one of the fundamental principles and distinguishing characteristics of American Odd Fellowship. On the contrary, it was with sincere regret and unfeigned reluctance, that, forced by stern necessity, they adopted this as the only course by which the Order in Germany could be saved from a position of hostility to, or subjection to supervision by the Government of the German Empire.

As regards the second resolution, the matter of the time of holding its session is wholly within the control of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

To the request contained in the third resolution, your committee believe it is wholly injudicious to accede. The original grant of power to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, was extremely liberal and the reserved powers few.

It would, in the judgment of your committee, be unwise to grant further privileges, and thus narrow the reserved authority of this R. W. Grand Body. Your committee, however, recognize the fact that the Order in Germany is endeavoring by retrenchment and economy to reach a sound financial basis, and believe that the R. W. Grand Secretary should be directed to furnish necessary supplies to the Grand Lodge of the German Empire at cost.

Your committee therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge, reiterating its solemn declaration that "the Order of Odd Fellows has formed a union for mutual support and assistance in time of sickness and misfortune, by contributing stipulated dues, which secures to its members as a right (and not as a charity) *a certain fixed sum, designated by law*," and that "the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship," yet, recognizing the peculiar exigencies of the condition of the Order in Germany, and the apparent necessity of departing for a time from the rule enounced by this R. W. Grand Body, in order to preserve its own existence, do hereby approve the action taken by the Grand Lodge of the German Empire in substituting "facultative" for stipulated benefits.

*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this R. W. Grand Lodge that, as soon as the difficulties can be satisfactorily adjusted, the Grand Lodge of the German Empire should re-enact its former law requiring stipulated benefits.

*Resolved*, That this R. W. Grand Lodge, in view of the financial embarrassment of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, hereby directs the R. W. Grand Secretary to furnish to the said R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire, at the cost price thereof, all necessary supplies, until the further action of this R. W. Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SHERMAN,

J. C. SMITH,

CHARLES G. KRETSCHMER,

MONROE SHEIRE,

GEORGE B. BOYLES,

GEORGE H. BIGELOW,

ALBERT COHEN.

Rep. FORD, of Ontario, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, have had under consideration the resolution of Rep. BELL, of Ohio, asking for a dispensation for granting Visiting Cards to brothers wishing to visit Lodges in other jurisdictions than that in which their Lodges are situated, and beg leave to report that the legislation proposed to-day in the report on the resolution of Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, if adopted, will fully meet the object contemplated by the resolution.

We further report, that it is the opinion of your committee that it is neither desirable nor advisable to make degrees in Rebekah Degree Lodges.

*Therefore, Resolved*, That the above report be adopted.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. N. FORD,

JOHN F. HAVENNER,

W. B. KENNEDY,

THEODORE RODOLF,

THOMAS S. SPATES.

Rep. THOMPSON, of Missouri, from the Committee on Returns, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Returns, would respectfully report that they have performed the duty assigned them and present the following as the result of their examination :

#### GRAND LODGES.

*Correct*.—Alabama, Arkansas, British Columbia, California, Chile, Colorado, Connecticut, Dakota, Delaware, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Lower Provinces, B. N. A., Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Utah, Vermont, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

District of Columbia, place of meeting of Grand Lodge not given; Florida, report correct except seal pasted on; Switzerland, report has no seal attached and time and place of meeting of Grand Lodge not given; Wyoming, number of weeks' benefits not stated.

#### SUBORDINATE LODGES.

The reports from the Subordinate Lodges, working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, are correct except the report of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Province of Quebec, which is not signed by the Secretary.

## GRAND ENCAMPMENTS.

*Correct.*—Alabama, Arkansas, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, District of Columbia, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Mississippi, Missouri, Nebraska, Nevada, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ontario, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

Reports from Kansas, Michigan, New York, Ohio and Vermont do not state the number of weeks' benefits paid.

No report from the Grand Encampment of South Carolina.

## SUBORDINATE ENCAMPMENTS.

The reports of the Subordinate Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, are correct, except the report of Southern Watch Encampment, No. 1, Valparaiso, has no seal, and Halifax Encampment, No. 12, Nova Scotia, has seal pasted on.

## REBEKAH DEGREE LODGES.

Returns from the following jurisdictions are presented, viz:

Alabama, California, Connecticut, District of Columbia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Maine, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Montana, New Hampshire, New Jersey, North Carolina, Ohio, Oregon, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, Tennessee, West Virginia, Wisconsin.

These reports are generally correct, but it appears that fifteen jurisdictions that are in possession of this degree make no report, and consequently it is not possible to ascertain the condition of the Degree Lodges from the reports received. Some of the jurisdictions from whom reports were received last year have made no report this year, and four jurisdictions that made no report last year make reports this year. As the Grand Lodge at the last session adopted a resolution, authorizing the Grand Officers of the subordinate jurisdictions "to forfeit and reclaim the charter of any Rebekah Degree Lodge from whom no reports were received for three months after the 31st of December, 1876," it is to be hoped that at the next session of the Grand Lodge we will have correct returns from all the Lodges of this degree in the jurisdiction. We would therefore recommend that the attention of Grand Officers of the several jurisdictions be called to the above law, in order that they may have no further excuse for making imperfect returns of the condition of Lodges of this degree.

Your committee would call the attention of the Grand Lodge to the fact that the report of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland shows that the sessions were held on Sunday. This is in violation of the law of this Grand Lodge. See Digest, Sec. 1747, page 373.

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. THOMPSON, WM. N. NUTT,  
CHAS. C. PEARCE, WILLIAM BLATT,  
FRANK H. BETTON, R. ROBERTSON,  
C. A. ROBBE.

Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee to whom was referred the resolutions offered by Rep. HAVENNER, relative to the suspension of members, have duly considered the subject, and are of the opinion that the interest of the Order would be promoted by a general law defining the rights and privileges of members over thirteen weeks in arrears for dues, and offer the following:

*Resolved*, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term pass-word, or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines, (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then, until the expiration of such time thereafter, as may, also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive in full or in part the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

*Resolved*, That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, and unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended, (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby repealed.

Respectfully submitted.

ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,  
S. H. BRADLEY,  
JNO. C. UNDERWOOD,  
JOHN T. GIVEN,

HENRY F. GAREY,  
STEPHEN K. DYER,  
J. W. STEBBINS,  
STEPHEN TERRY.

On motion of Rep. WHITE, of New York, the Grand Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning at 9 o'clock.

FRIDAY, September 21, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY.....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

## PAST GRAND Sires.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
FREDERICK D. STUART.....	District of Columbia.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.

Prayer by Bro. Rev. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

A quorum of Grand Bodies being present, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon, by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Rep. McDANEL, of Delaware, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The Standing and Special Committees were called, when

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, have had under consideration the report of the M. W. Grand Sire, suggesting the propriety of placing the Encampment degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries.

The committee are of opinion that an important measure like the one proposed, requires very careful reflection, and an examination into the alleged necessities for the proposed change in the organic system of the Order. The question may be one of vital importance, affecting the weal or woe of the Order in this country.

The committee are of opinion that they have not sufficient information to justify them in suggesting either an affirmative or negative action, and with a view of observing caution, especially as haste is calculated to do harm, they recommend the postponement of the subject for the consideration of the next session of this Grand Lodge.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	J. P. SANDERS,
T. I. DRIGGS,	TAL. P. SHAFFNER,
W. C. WILLISTON,	WM. A. NEWELL,
GEO. J. GARDNER.	

Rep. HICKOK, of Pennsylvania, from the same committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Foreign Relations, to whom was referred a form of clearance card issued by the R. W. Grand Lodge of Australia, report:

That one of the specifications in the charter of the Grand Lodge of Australia provides, that all cards issued by that jurisdiction shall emanate from the Grand Lodge of the United States.

The card in question is clearly illegal, and is issued in contravention of the terms of the charter referred to, and does not bear the seal of the Grand Lodge of the United States, nor the signature of its Secretary.

Your committee, therefore recommend the adoption of the annexed resolution:

*Resolved*, That the form of cards issued and in use by the Grand Lodge of Australia, is illegal, and is hereby interdicted, and the Order at large is warned not to recognize or receive it, and the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary are directed to use all means in their power to cause its disuse.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. HICKOK,	WM. A. NEWELL,
TAL. P. SHAFFNER,	J. P. SANDERS,
T. I. DRIGGS,	GEO. J. GARDNER,
	W. C. WILLISTON.

Rep. HILDRETH, of New Hampshire, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. COTHRAN, of Alabama, "That daughters of members of the Fifth Degree in good standing be made eligible to membership in the Degree of Rebekah," beg leave to report that they deem it inexpedient to legislate on the subject, and they therefore submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from further consideration of the matter.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. HILDRETH,	WM. N. FORD,
JOHN F. HAVENNER,	THOMAS S. SPATES,
THEODORE RODOLF,	W. B. KENNEDY.

Rep. PORTER, of California, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

In the appeal of Bro. M. C. EAMES from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, is presented the question of whether a person who becomes a member of a Subordinate Lodge irregularly, by the mistake of the Lodge, can be, for that reason alone, deprived of his membership. Your committee deem this a question of great importance. It involves a principle which, until the year 1874, was never questioned by this Grand Lodge, although the subject had often been before it from the time of its organization until that year, when, as it appears to your committee, a decision was made by this Grand Body apparently in contravention of the principles theretofore established upon the subject.

In the year 1848, the Committee on the State of the Order, by their chairman, WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, made a report on the following case: A Lodge in the State of Kentucky initiated a person, without fault on his part, contrary to law, and the question was asked this Grand Lodge whether the person so initiated should be considered an Odd Fellow, and the Grand Lodge said that, "having been initiated innocently on his part, he is unquestionably entitled to remain in the Order."

In 1851, another case came from the Grand Lodge of the State of Virginia to this Grand Lodge. In Virginia also, a person had been unlawfully admitted, without fault of his own, and the Grand Lodge of that State passed a series of resolutions declaring the initiation of said person contrary to law, and therefore, null and void, and that a Subordinate Lodge had a right to refuse him admis-

sion. But this Grand Lodge said, through the report of the Committee on the State of the Order, made by the same able chairman, "that it had been repeatedly declared by this body to be the policy of the Order not to declare persons thus initiated discharged from membership." And further said that the proper remedy was to deal with the Lodge which unlawfully admitted him.

From 1851, the time of the last decision, your committee have found no instance when this principle was questioned until 1873, when an appeal came from the jurisdiction of Ontario in the case of W. D. KENNEDY, wherein a majority of the Committee on Appeals reported in favor of sustaining the membership of KENNEDY and the principles established as aforesaid, but a minority report which seems to contravene the said former decisions, was adopted by this Grand Lodge.

The only difference which your committee can see between the former cases and the case of said KENNEDY, being this: that in the former cases the persons were *initiated*, and that KENNEDY was *admitted by card*; and further that said KENNEDY did not sign the Constitution.

The case now before this Grand Lodge and herein considered, presents the exact case of KENNEDY over again, with the exception that in the present case it does not appear whether the person admitted did or did not sign the Constitution of the Lodge, but the applicant sought membership by card, the usual forms were observed, he was declared elected, introduced to the Lodge, took part in the proceedings, and was fully recognized as a member. It was afterward found that he was not legally elected but had been declared so through mistake of the Lodge. On this state of facts the Grand Lodge of Illinois is asked, "Is he a member? or can the Lodge, notwithstanding the multiplied recognitions of him, take advantage of its own wrong, strip him of the honors which he has acquired, and relegate him back to the status in which it found him; return his card and money, and thus throw him out of the Lodge?"

And the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, with the dilemma placed before them of the apparent contrary decisions of this Grand Lodge, applied, as your committee think, good sense and natural justice to the case, and ignored the later decision made in the case of Kennedy, hereinbefore alluded to, so far as the same was inconsistent with former decisions, and reported that the N. G., having declared him duly elected, and admitted him to repeated meetings of the Lodge, that the Lodge is estopped from denying it; that the question having been regularly settled at the time, it would be dangerous to allow his membership to be questioned long after he had been accepted as a member. The report of the committee was adopted by the Grand Lodge from which Brother EAMES appeals.

Upon the principle that the latest decision of the same tribunal, where decisions on the same question conflict, is recognized as the law; if this committee thought that said case from Ontario was intended to be a reversal of the former decisions, it would be proper to recommend a reversal of the decision in the case of Kennedy, so far as it may be considered to contravene said former decisions, as wrong and contrary to well-settled principles. Your committee recommend the passage of the following:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Brother M. C. EAMES be and the same is hereby dismissed.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge recognize the principle heretofore established by the cases named in Section 130 of White's Digest to be the law of the Order with reference to persons irregularly admitted to membership, whether the same be by initiation or by card; and that the decision in the case of the appeal of JOHN ZIMMERMAN, in the matter of the admission of W. D. KENNEDY to Toronto Lodge, Ontario, reported on pages 6284, 6285 and 6325 of the Journal of Proceedings of the G. L. U. S., be understood to be a decision appertaining only to the circumstances of that particular case.

Respectfully submitted,

NATHAN PORTER,  
For the committee.

On motion of Rep. SHIDELER, of Indiana, the Lodge, by unanimous consent, agreed to consider the report of the Committee on Mileage and Per Diem, page 7440 of the Journal.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That until the adjournment of the present session of this R. W. Grand Lodge no Representative, be allowed to speak over five minutes on any given question, without the unanimous consent of this Grand Body.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved to amend by adding the following:

"Provided, however, that the chairman of any committee may be allowed five minutes extra to close an argument."

Which was accepted by the mover of the resolution.

Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, moved to amend by including any member of a committee in the extra allowance of time.

Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, moved to amend by striking out the word "unanimous," which was not agreed to.

The question being on the amendment of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the original motion, it was adopted.

Rep. TOMPKINS, of Alabama, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That no new business shall be introduced for the legislation of this R. W. Grand Lodge after 11 o'clock to-day, without unanimous consent.

Rep. DANN, of California, submitted the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, which was referred to the Committee on Constitutions.

Rep. DANN, of California, submitted the following resolutions, designed to establish a system of inter-jurisdictional relief, which were referred to the Legislative Committee.

WHEREAS, The membership of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows has greatly increased and is rapidly augmenting in numbers, and the members of this Order are, in common with their fellow men, subject to the ordinary and inevitable vicissitudes of life, some organized and equitable system of relief, prompt and effective in action, and at the same time sufficiently comprehensive to meet existing and prospective exigencies, has become imperatively necessary; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges working under the jurisdiction of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States, be and they are hereby required to cause to be established, by appropriate legislation within their respective jurisdictions, a General Relief Committee, so organized as will enable it to meet the requirements for relief found to exist in the Order.

*Resolved*, That all Grand Lodges shall be authorized to lay and collect a general tax per capita upon the membership in their respective jurisdictions, for the purposes of such General Relief Committee, as may be found necessary for the uses of such committee.

*Resolved*, That for the purpose of carrying into practical operation the objects and design of the foregoing resolutions, the following plan of government, intercourse and exchange be and the same is hereby adopted:

1st. That a General Relief Committee in each jurisdiction be constituted by the annual election of two delegates from each Subordinate Lodge within such jurisdiction, one of whom shall be a Past Grand.

2d. The Representatives from the principal town or city within each jurisdiction shall constitute the Central Executive Branch of the General Relief Committee, through which the affairs of said committee with other jurisdictions shall be transacted.

3d. The Representatives from other Lodges shall constitute executive branches of said committee, representing the same within their respective localities.

4th. All Executive Branches of the General Relief Committee in each jurisdiction, when a sojourning brother has been under their care, shall draw upon the Central Executive Branch in their own Grand Jurisdiction for the amount expended by them for the relief or burial of such brother.

5th. All amounts expended in the relief or burial of sojourning brothers shall be refunded by the Central Executive Branch of said committee in the same Grand Jurisdiction where said sojourning brother holds membership. Such Central Executive Branch may collect from the Lodge, where such sojourning brother holds membership, such amount as he may be entitled to receive from the funds of said Lodge under their By-Laws, and the balance, if any, shall be paid from the general fund.

6th. Any sums advanced or given otherwise than for the relief of the sick or burial of the dead, may be charged to the individual account of the brother to whom such relief shall have been granted, and his obligation transmitted to the Lodge of which he is a member, and it shall be the duty of such Lodge to collect and transmit the same to the committee granting such relief.

Rep. STICKNEY, of Massachusetts, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, "That the Noble Grand and Secretary of Subordinate Lodges shall have the right to grant visiting cards in cases of emergency when the Lodge is not in session," have had the same under consideration, and would respectfully report that they deem such a radical change in the fundamental law of the Order unnecessary; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HORACE W. STICKNEY,  
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,  
STEPHEN TERRY,  
S. H. BRADLEY,

J. W. STEBBINS,  
JOHN T. GIVEN,  
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,  
STEPHEN K. DYER,  
HENRY F. GAREY.

Rep. BELL, of Ohio, from the Committee on Constitutions, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee to whom was referred the revised Constitution of the R. W. Grand Encampment of California, adopted May, 1876, also amendments of May, 1877, have examined the same, and respectfully recommend the adoption of the following resolution:

*Resolved*, That the revised Constitution (May, 1876,) of the R. W. Grand Encampment of California, as amended May, 1877, be and the same is hereby approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN E. BELL,	D. W. BRERETON,
O. W. OVIATT,	S. T. GRISAMORE,
J. W. SMITH,	HERMAN BLOCK,
J. F. COTHRAN.	

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Legislative Committee, to whom were referred the resolutions proposed on the subject of General Relief Committees, by Rep. Dann, of California, beg leave to report:

That said resolutions embrace the idea that this Grand Body, by suitable legislation shall require the Grand Lodges under its jurisdiction to establish General Relief Committees to meet every claim for relief, and for that purpose to levy and collect a general tax, *per capita*, upon their membership. The resolutions also set forth such an arrangement in many details, which doubtless would secure a very excellent plan to accomplish the purpose indicated. We submit that the proposed legislation is unnecessary, and at variance with the well defined policy of this Grand Lodge. Such matters are particularly within the province of State legislation. To enforce upon the States a duty already undertaken to the extent of their ability, would be exceedingly improper on our part. This Grand Lodge never has said what should be paid for relief. Such a matter is one always left to the parties most interested, and we are not disposed to reverse that policy.

With every sympathy for the purposes sought to be accomplished, we submit the following:

*Resolved*, That the committee be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY F. GAREY,	STEPHEN K. DYER,
JOHN C. UNDERWOOD,	HORACE W. STICKNEY,
ISAAC A. SHEPPARD,	JOHN T. GIVEN,
J. W. STEBBINS,	STEPHEN TERRY,
S. H. BRADLEY.	

Leave of absence for the remainder of the session was granted to Reps. BLATT, of Dakota, SMITH, of Indiana, and GOODRICH, of Nebraska.

Rep. VIRDEN, of Nevada moved the following:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge pay to Bro. Wm. J. DE GRESS, Representative from the G. Lodge of Chile, the sum of \$6 per day for seven days' attendance on this Grand Lodge.

On motion of Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, the resolution was laid on the table.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That when this Grand Lodge adjourn this day, it be to meet at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M., this day.

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved the following:

*Resolved*, That the exemplification of the secret work be made a special order for  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M. this day.

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, moved to strike out "  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock " and insert " 8 o'clock," which was agreed to, and the resolution as amended was adopted.

On motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the Lodge agreed to hold a session this evening at  $7\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock.

Rep. BOYLES, of Tennessee, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The present form of funeral service is exceedingly short and unsatisfactory to the Order; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed to report to the next session of this Grand Lodge a form of funeral service.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. BOYLES, of Tennessee; MORRIS, of Kentucky; Grand Chaplain VENABLE.

Rep. SIMONS, of Utah, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, The Representative tax of the jurisdictions of Utah and Wyoming has been paid, and the Representatives of those distant jurisdictions are not allowed mileage or per diem; therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Representative tax be, and is hereby remitted, to the Representatives of Utah and Wyoming, and the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary is hereby instructed to draw warrants on the Grand Treasurer, in favor of said Representatives, for the sum of \$75 each.

Rep. RODOLF, of Wisconsin, moved the following, which was adopted:

WHEREAS, A custom has obtained in many Lodges to extend the time for which a visiting card was granted by a simple endorsement on the back thereof, and whereas it is desirable that this matter should be settled by positive enactment; therefore,

*Resolved*, That it is illegal for any Lodge to extend the time for which a visiting card was granted by endorsement on the back thereof, but that in all cases of renewal or extension a new card must be issued.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved the following, which was referred to the Legislative Committee:

*Resolved*, That the regalia of a member of the Patriarchal Order may, in lieu of that heretofore prescribed, be a pointed baldric of purple velvet of the style and dimensions as prescribed for the street uniform of the Patriarchal Order.

Bro. STUART, P. G. Sire, moved the following:

WHEREAS, This R. W. Grand Lodge has authorized the organization of uniformed Patriarchs, and enacted certain laws for the government of such organizations.

AND WHEREAS, It appears to be evident that the number thus uniformed will largely increase throughout the general jurisdiction—swelling, in some localities, to brigades—and, whereas, the prominent feature of all ceremonies of the Order is uniformity, which is manifestly right and proper; therefore,

*Resolved*, That the subject of tactics be referred to a special committee of three, who shall prepare and submit to this R. W. Body, at its next session, a system of tactics and drill for the uniformed Patriarchs of the Order.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Chair named the following as the committee:

Reps. HOTCHKISS, of Wisconsin; MUNSON, of Connecticut; CRANE, of New Jersey.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, from the Legislative Committee, moved that the resolution of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, as follows:

*Resolved*, That the regalia of a member of the Patriarchal Order may, in lieu of that heretofore prescribed, be a pointed baldric of purple velvet of the style and dimensions as prescribed for the street uniform of the Patriarchal Order.

be referred to the special committee on that subject appointed at the last session, which was agreed to.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved the following, which was adopted:

*Resolved*, That the special order for 10 o'clock A. M. this day, viz: the reception of obituary addresses, be discharged, and this evening immediately after the exemplification of the secret work, be designated for the reception of memorial addresses.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7368, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of "trust funds" of Subordinate Lodges, was considered.

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to amend by adding at the end of the resolution the following:

"And provided further, that when an appeal from the action of a State Grand Lodge refusing or consenting to a proposed appropriation of a separate fund of a Subordinate Lodge is prayed, it shall be permitted, and the appropriation proposed to be made shall not be made or be considered as finally prohibited until, upon a hearing of the appeal, the Grand Lodge of the United States shall approve or disapprove of the proposed appropriation."

Which was not agreed to.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved to amend as follows:

Amend by inserting after the word "protected," in the fourth line of the resolution, the words "or the vested rights of beneficiaries secured," and strike out the words "and secured," in the fifth line.

Rep. GAREY, of Maryland, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. GWINNER?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7369, from the same committee, on the annual reports from State Grand Bodies, as referred to by the Grand Secretary in his report, September, 1876, (Journal 6800) was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of a uniform cap, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7370, from the same committee, on the application of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, for legislation to authorize Grand Lodges or Grand Encampments to permit their subordinates to make By-Laws requiring payment of dues in advance, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee to report a uniform street dress for Subordinate Lodges, was considered.

Rep. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky, moved that all that part of the report relating to Encampments, be referred to the special committee on that subject appointed at the session of 1876, which was agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the remainder of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7371, from the Legislative Committee, on so much of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire as refers to journals and periodicals, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Finance Committee, recommending that there be donated to the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of South Carolina the amount of indebtedness of the respective jurisdictions to this Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7372, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No 2, Montreal, Canada, from the decision of D. D. G. Sire Varey, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7373, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of WILLIAM GARRETT, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7374, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of five members of Amity Lodge, No. 6113, at Bridgetown, Barbados, British West Indies, to be constituted a Lodge under the jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States, was considered, when,

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, the reading was dispensed with, and the report was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the petition for a Grand Lodge in Washington Territory, was considered, when,

On motion of Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, the reading was dispensed with, and the report was adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee No. 2, on the appeal of E. G. BUDD and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved that the further consideration of the report be postponed until after action is had on the report of the Judiciary Committee, page 7380, on an inquiry from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 7375, from the same committee, on the appeal of G. W. L. CROOK and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of DANIEL SCHLOSS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7376, from the Appeal Committee No. 1, on the appeal of JOHN M. HAHN and HENRY WAGNER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the appeal of GEORGE A. CALLAHAN, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Maine, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7377, from the same committee, on the appeal of AUGUST PREHM, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7378, from the Judiciary Committee, on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Chile concerning the right of W. J. DE GRESS to a seat as Representative from the Grand Lodge of Chile, was considered in connection with the minority report, on the same subject, same page.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved to strike out "majority" and insert "minority," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adopt the majority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7379, from the same committee, on an inquiry from the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7380, from the same committee, on an inquiry from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The Lodge now agreed to consider the report on page 7374, from Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of E. G. BUDD and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee.

Rep. DANN, of California, moved to amend by striking out from the last line the word "sustained" and insert "reversed," and in the line next to the last substitute the word "sustained" for the word "dismissed," so that the sentence will read: "Your committee recommend that the appeal be sustained and the decision of the Grand Master be reversed."

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, moved that the report be recommitted, with instructions to distinguish between the ordinary regalia and funeral regalia, which was agreed to, and the report was recommitted accordingly.

The next report, page 7380, from the Judiciary Committee, on the second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth decisions of the Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7381, from the same committee, on the resolution of Rep. McLEAN, of the District of Columbia, on the subject of the right of a Grand Lodge to tax Subordinates for maintenance of libraries, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BOYD, of California, page 7351, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee appointed at the session of 1876, to report an amended form to regulate processions, was considered.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved that the further reading of the forms and ceremonies be dispensed with, and the report with the accompanying forms and ceremonies be adopted.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, called for a division of the question, when

Form No. 1 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 2 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 3 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 4 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 5 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 6 was considered and adopted.

Form No. 7 was considered and adopted.

The question being on the adoption of Form No. 8, Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, moved to amend by striking out the words "funeral service" and all that follows in the report on pages 7388 and 7389, which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of Form No. 8, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the resolutions in the report of the committee, page 7382, they were considered seriatim.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution, Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, moved to amend by inserting after the words "laying corner-stones," "also a form for dedicating Odd Fellows' cemeteries."

Which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the first resolution it was resolved in the affirmative.

The second resolution was considered and adopted.

The report and accompanying forms were then adopted.

The next report, page 7389, from the Special Committee on Dues and Benefits, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7395, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution of Paradise Lodge, No. 1, Amsterdam, Holland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7396, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Montana, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7397, from the same committee, on

the Constitution and By-Laws of Beaver Lodge, No. 6, Montreal, Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of EDGAR WHITLOCK, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7398, from the same committee, on the appeal of JOHN MEDOLE, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the books and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7399, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the Constitution and By-Laws of Yankton Encampment, No. 2, Yankton, Dakota, was considered.

Rep. BLATT, of Dakota, moved to amend as follows :

*Resolved*, That the word "vote," in Section 5, Article 1, of said Constitution, be stricken out, and the word "ballot" be inserted in lieu thereof, and the said Constitution and By-Laws be approved.

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the Lower Provinces, B. N. A., was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7400, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitutions of the Grand Encampments of Tennessee and Massachusetts, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Dakota, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7401, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of West Virginia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution and By-Laws of Duke of Edinburgh Lodge, No. 4, Montreal, Canada, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment of Kansas, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7402, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of JOHN A. THOMPSON and others from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7403, from the Special Committee on the establishment of the Order in Europe, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Finance, on the index to the eighth volume, awarding one hundred dollars to Bro. JOHN H. WHITE, P. G. Rep., for his services in making the same, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7404, from the Committee on Grand Bodies not Represented, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home at Jacksonville, Florida, was considered and adopted.

The hour, 2 o'clock P. M., fixed for adjournment, having arrived, the Chair declared the Lodge at recess until  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M.

$3\frac{1}{2}$  O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to the order for recess. Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. JOHNSON, of Rhode Island, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, made the following report, which was, by unanimous consent, considered and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Appeal Committee, No. 2, to whom was recommitted with instructions, the report found on page 7374, on the appeal of E. G. BUDD and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, would respectfully report the following as an amendment to said report, to wit:

Substitute in the place of the last two paragraphs the following: Your committee are of the opinion that the right of a member to wear the regalia of

the highest rank which he may have attained, does not apply to the case under consideration. At the funeral of a Lodge member who has not attained the Patriarchal Degree, each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. The regular regalia, as prescribed for the Encampment branch, other than the usual rosette, has not been authorized by this Grand Lodge to be used on such occasions.

Your committee therefore recommend that the appeal be dismissed, and the decision of the Grand Master be sustained.

Respectfully submitted,

WM. S. JOHNSON,  
*For the committee.*

The consideration of reports was resumed.

The first report, page 7405, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the memorial presented by Rep. HOMES, of Louisiana, concerning the establishment of a Home for consumptive Odd Fellows, was considered and adopted.

The Chair named as the committee, to further consider the subject :

Reps. HOMES, of Louisiana; DRIGGS, of Connecticut; PEARCE, of Florida; TOMPKINS, of Alabama; ROBBE, of Georgia.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 2, on the appeal of JOHN F. C. HOLLINGS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7406, from the same committee, on the appeal of JAMES BOWYER, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, was considered.

By unanimous consent, the committee amended the report as follows :

Strike out the last paragraph and insert:

But, Clause 4 of Article IV of the Uniform Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges in Texas requires that "when a motion for the expulsion or suspension of a member shall have been submitted in due form it shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action being had thereon."

This clause was disregarded in the trial below, and therefore the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas cannot be sustained.

Your committee therefore recommend that the Grand Lodge of Texas be instructed to reverse its action and direct Atascosa Lodge to proceed with the case according to the requirements of Clause 4 of Article IV of the Uniform Constitution of that jurisdiction.

The question being on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the cost of altering the seal, etc., postponed until to-day, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7408, from the Committee on Credentials, on the protest of DAVID P. GARDNER against the admission of GEORGE J. GARDNER as a Representative from the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "not."

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, raised the following point of order :

That the protest of DAVID P. GARDNER, against the admission of P. G. M. GEORGE J. GARDNER, as Representative of the G. L. of N. Y., is not properly before this body, he not being a member of this Grand Lodge; the said protest not being in the form of an appeal from the action of the G. Lodge of New York, or the Standing Committee of that R. W. Body.

The Chair decided the point well taken, as no one except a member of the Body has a right, under Rule of Order 33, to enter a protest on the Journal.

Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was agreed to.

The proposed amendment to the By-Laws, page 7411, was considered, and on motion of Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, the further consideration was postponed until the next session.

The next report, same page, from the Judiciary Committee, on the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky on the subject of the reinstatement of a dropped Patriarch, was considered and adopted.

The proposed amendment to Article XVIII of By-Laws, page 7414, as follows, was considered :

Strike out in Article XVIII, all after the word "jurisdiction," in the fourth line, down to the word "Subordinates," in the fifth line, and insert: "to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number for its own use."

So that the article will read :

ARTICLE XVIII.—Each State, District and Territorial Grand Lodge shall annually be furnished with as many copies of the printed proceedings of this Grand Lodge as it has Subordinate Lodges working under its jurisdiction, "to be distributed among its Subordinates, and one-half of such number for its own use." Each Grand Encampment shall be furnished in the same manner. And each Lodge and Encampment working under the warrant of this Grand Lodge, shall be furnished with a copy of the proceedings. The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary shall see that this law is carried into effect at as early a date as possible after the close of the annual session of this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7417, from the Appeal Committee No. 2, on the appeal of F. BROSS, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered in connection with the minority report, on the same subject, page 7418.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to amend by striking out "majority" and inserting "minority," which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the majority report,

Rep. OBERLY, of Illinois, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the Lodge adjourned until  $7\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M.

7 $\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

Rep. BACKENSTO, of Oregon, moved the following, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, It is well known that brothers of our Order who change their residence from one to another jurisdiction and have taken withdrawal cards for that purpose, do thereby deprive themselves of the benefit and protection that they should be justly entitled to ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed, who shall report at the next Grand Lodge, a system or law by which brothers of the Order may claim the protection and benefits from the Lodge of which they were members while in transit, or for the time they shall have paid their dues after the date of their card.

The Chair named as the committee :

Reps. BACKENSTO, of Oregon ; BEATTY, of California ; SIMONS, of Utah.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the following resolution, postponed to await the action of the Grand Lodge on the report of the Judiciary Committee, page 7378, was considered :

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge pay to Bro. Wm. J. DE GRESS, Representative from the Grand Lodge of Chile, the sum of \$6 per day for seven days' attendance on this Grand Lodge.

The question being on the adoption of the resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, from the Judiciary Com-

mittee, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Judiciary Committee, to whom was referred the communication from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, beg leave to report :

That the object of the communication was to ascertain whether it is legal to change or divert a fund originally designed for one purpose to that of another. We are of the opinion, and so declare, that the action of this Grand Lodge had this day, adopting the report of the Legislative Committee, (being the first report from that Committee, page 7368, Journal,) fully legalizes any such action.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL F. GWINNER,	M. S. DOWDEN,
EDW. H. FITZHUGH,	J. HAM PERRY,
GEORGE A. CUMMINGS,	M. D. HERRING,
FRANK G. BEATTY,	N. W. COX,
HORATIO WELLINGTON,	

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your special committee, to which was referred the resolution of Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, relative to the appeal of Fayette Lodge, No. 16, of that jurisdiction, on the subject of assessments for the erection of the Odd Fellows' Institute of Michigan, beg leave to report, that at the last session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, the following resolution was adopted :

"Resolved, That the Representatives from this jurisdiction to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge of the United States, at its next communication, be and they are hereby requested to present such records and evidence of the situation of the Odd Fellows' Institute at Lansing as are contained in the various reports of the trustees and commissioners of that Institution, and such further evidence as they may in their judgment see fit to offer, with the view of being further heard in the premises."

From a printed document of the Executive Committee of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, which has been laid upon the tables of the Representatives of this Grand Lodge, and from information derived from the Representatives of that jurisdiction who have appeared before your committee, we learn that at the session of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in 1869, a movement was inaugurated for the establishment of a "Home for the Widows and Orphans of deceased Odd Fellows." From that time, at every session, until a plan was fully organized, it appears that the subject was met in a spirit of harmony unsurpassed in any jurisdiction on matters of such great import, which resulted, among other propositions received from various localities, in accepting that made by the citizens of Lansing, the capital of the State, donating forty-five acres, on which was situated a large brick building, formerly built for and used as a female college, the whole valued at forty thousand dollars—the lands being within half a mile from the new capital building of the State, and eligibly and beautifully located on high grounds—the imposing structure thereon having been erected as one of the wings of a contemplated main building, 40 by 60 feet, four stories in height, and finished complete in every part. This splendid donation was formally accepted by the Grand Lodge of Michigan, at its annual session in 1873, and the title of the property was duly vested in the Grand Lodge, an incorporated body, for the use and benefit of the Institute, free from all incumbrance. At the same session, the Grand Lodge instructed its commis-

sioners to advertise for proposals and proceed to the construction of a main building, which was subsequently let for \$19,600—though the plans were afterwards so materially altered as to reduce the cost considerably below that amount—for the erection of such main building, repairing the wings already constructed, and fencing the grounds.

Up to this time, the funds that had been raised were purely by donations in and without the Order; but a committee of the Grand Lodge, to whom was referred the annual report of the Commissioners of the Institute, (and here, perhaps, lies the whole gist of the matter), recommended the adoption of the following report and resolutions, based on what they presumably conceived to be the true spirit of the law adopted by the Grand Lodge of the United States. It seems best here to insert the brief report of the local committee, as of some importance in this matter, as it was the initial movement to a system of assessments, the legality of which is the principal question involved in the case.

*"To the R. W. Grand Lodge of Michigan, I. O. O. F.:*

"Your committee, appointed to confer with a like committee from the Grand Encampment, in relation to the raising of funds in behalf of the Odd Fellows' Institute, would respectfully report, that with that committee we met in joint session, and unanimously agreed upon the following report:

"1st. That the Odd Fellows' Institute of the State of Michigan is a noble institution, worthy the fostering care, not only of every member of the Order, but of every christian heart and every lover of humanity.

"2d. That as a pecuniary investment it is worthy of our consideration. The donation of a property not to be estimated at less than \$40,000, and now worth at the least calculation the sum of \$75,000, must strike every business and sensible man as worthy of their support, and the patronage of this body. Besides, a bequest estimated at not less than \$15,000, and which there is little doubt but we will receive, must be lost to us if this institution fails; and

"3d. We have gone too far to recede or even to pause if there was a disposition so to do, which, we are happy to say, is not the case, if we can judge by the sentiments expressed by almost the entire fraternity throughout this jurisdiction.

"A wiser than we has said: 'No man putting his hand to the plough and looking back is fit for the Kingdom of Heaven.' The remark is equally true when applied to any great and good work of to-day. We have commenced an enterprise that is one of the grandest on earth. Our aim is to make practical and vital the principles of our Order—to relieve the distressed, to protect the widows and to educate the orphans. There may be some difference of opinion as to the best measure for arriving at the end in view, but we know that as Odd Fellows we are all interested in this work, and that as such we must bid it God speed.

"Your committee would, therefore, recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

"Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge direct that each Subordinate Lodge within this jurisdiction be and is hereby assessed for the ensuing three years the sum of fifty cents semi-annually for each member of such Lodge as reported, in the semi-annual returns made in July and January in each year, to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Lodge, and that such sums so assessed be and are hereby made payable by each Subordinate Lodge to the Treasurer of the Odd Fellows' Institute of Michigan, at the same time that such semi-annual returns are made, provided that this action shall first be submitted to the Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States for his approval.

"Resolved, That the members of this Grand Body be urgently requested to solicit donations, and use their influence in favor of this Institution.

"D. B. TRACY, W. J. WEIR,

"W. P. ODELL,

"Committee."

The report and resolutions, the Journal adds, "were unanimously adopted by a rising vote."

In the adoption of these resolutions, which, it will be seen, were unanimously adopted in the Grand Lodge of Michigan, we are assured that the action had was, as stated, predicated on the following report and resolutions submitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States by a committee of great personal weight in this Grand Body, including our present Grand Sire, and of which Past Grand Sire KENNEDY was chairman, to wit:

"In the days of our present prosperity the Order should be actively engaged in making the most ample provisions for our future needs, and none is more appropriate than the preparation of asylums wherein the brothers worn out by age and infirmity may pass the remainder of their days in quietude and comfort.

"The propriety of entering without delay into this special field of benevolence and duty is recommended to the earnest consideration of Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, and to the Subordinate bodies throughout the entire jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge.

"Your committee have no special form of plan to submit or recommend; circumstances will undoubtedly vary the mode of operation to suit the several localities; and it is better that perfect freedom should be allowed to test the various plans that may be projected, when experience will ultimately decide on the best.

"But your committee would respectfully suggest that the small weekly contribution of one cent per week from the membership of the several Subordinate Lodges in the whole jurisdiction, would amount to the annual income of one hundred and fifty-five thousand dollars—a sum fully sufficient to accomplish the object in view.

"In order that as little time as possible may be lost in proceeding to the work, it is suggested that any number of Lodges in any jurisdiction be authorized to take initial steps towards organizing 'Asylums for aged Odd Fellows' in their several localities or jurisdictions.

"The subject of schools and asylums for the orphans of the Order is one that is beginning to awaken general attention, and efforts are being made in various jurisdictions to establish institutions that will aid in the execution of the commands of the supreme authority in Odd Fellowship. It is now thirty-nine years since Maryland entered upon the education of orphans, and the results have been highly gratifying, and should serve as an incentive to other jurisdictions to earnest endeavors in the same direction. It is true that in some States the public schools are of so excellent a character that the ordinary needs of education are amply supplied, but there are numerous cases wherein orphans are compelled to labor for their own support, at an age when they should be attending school. There are others that need the restraining influence of a home and pure associations, to enable them to attain unto the condition in life that is desirable both for themselves and society. *The Grand Lodge of the United States, therefore, feels it to be a duty to encourage the establishment of asylums and schools for the protection and education of the orphans of deceased Odd Fellows.*"

"Resolved, That Grand Lodges be requested to take action at as early a day as possible, and, where practicable, to provide for the establishment of suitable places where the orphan children of the members of the Order in their several jurisdictions may be supported and educated. Also for the establishment, at suitable localities, of asylums for the use and benefit of valetudinary members of the Order, where they may be comfortably supported during the remnant of their days.

"Resolved, That in cases where Grand Lodges may omit to take action in relation to either of these objects, any Lodge, or members of Lodges, in such jurisdictions are authorized to raise the funds necessary, and to apply the same in the establishment and support of such institutions or asylums."

The Grand Lodge of Michigan proceeded to collect the assessment made upon its subordinates by the foregoing resolution.

In 1873 a report was made to this Grand Lodge by Rep. FITZHUGH, from the Committee on Education, asserting in broad terms the right of State Grand Jurisdictions to levy and assess taxes to provide suitable places for the education of orphans, and for the establishment of asylums. This report this Grand Lodge refused to adopt.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan, however, continued the collection of its assessment which it had previously made, and during the year the refusal of Fayette Lodge, No. 16, to pay its assessment, and its subsequent contemptuous conduct towards the then Grand Master, resulted in its suspension. On appeal to the Grand Lodge of Michigan it sustained the Grand Master's action in suspending the Lodge, and an appeal was taken to this Grand Lodge, which was considered in 1875, and a report made, which will be found on pages 6571, *et seq.*, of the Revised Journal.

When the report was under consideration a resolution was passed as follows:

"Resolved, That the matters considered in the report of the Committee on Appeals in the matter of the appeal of W. J. BAXTER and others against the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in behalf of Fayette Lodge, No. 16, of that jurisdiction, be and are hereby remanded to the Grand Lodge of Michigan, to the end that said Grand Lodge of Michigan may be further heard, if it shall desire, in the premises, and that said Grand Lodge is hereby allowed to present such records and evidence in said matters to this Grand Lodge, at the next session hereof, as said Grand Lodge of Michigan may desire; that in the meantime the said Grand Lodge of Michigan, until this Grand Lodge shall otherwise determine, shall cease to collect the tax or assessments alluded to in said report, except when the same may be voluntarily paid."

In that condition the case has remained until the present time.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan finds itself in this condition:

It is the owner by grant from the people of Lansing of property worth a large sum. It accepted the gift in trust for the purposes of founding and supporting an asylum. It tacitly pledged the good faith and honor of the Order in that State to execute the trust. It has received donations in aid of the object proposed. It has encumbered its property so obtained by a mortgage of \$10,000 to aid in erecting buildings. It has collected a large sum from its Subordinates and invested the same in the erection of buildings for such asylums.

Since 1875 it has been enjoined by this Grand Body, and has not attempted to collect any assessments."

The question is now presented whether, under the circumstances of this case, the Grand Lodge of Michigan shall be permitted to collect the remainder of the assessment it has levied, as shown in the resolution above set forth.

Whatever may be the opinion of this Grand Lodge upon the abstract question of the right of a State Grand Lodge to levy and collect assessments for the establishment and maintenance of asylums, it seems to your committee that there are circumstances so peculiar involved in this case that this Grand Lodge ought not to destroy this enterprise, if by any reasonable action it may be saved from destruction.

The Grand Lodge of Michigan entered bravely upon this work, relying confidently upon the law of 1870 as conferring upon it full power to raise, by the ordinary means, the necessary funds for this sacred work. It had, as it believed, the sanction of the Grand Officers of this Grand Lodge as to the general plan adopted.

It is the opinion of your committee that the Grand Lodge of Michigan should be allowed to collect its remaining assessments as made, acting as it obviously did, in good faith, under the law, and assuming a trust the most sacred which can be assumed, and pledging as it did by such acceptance its own honor to discharge such trust.

Your committee would therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Lodge of Michigan be and hereby is permitted to complete the collection of the assessment made by it upon its subordinates at the session of 1873, by an unanimous vote of said Grand Lodge, for the purpose of paying the debt already incurred by said Grand Lodge, and for completing said Institute and fitting it for use.

*Resolved*, That said Grand Lodge of Michigan shall not levy any other or further assessments for the purposes above stated.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SHERMAN,	SEATON GALES,
WILLIAM A. NEWELL,	WILLIAM R. McLEAN,
	JOSEPH KIDDER.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, from the Committee on Finance, made the following report, which was laid on the table under the rule:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The Committee on Finance submit the following statement of the balance on hand and estimate of receipts and expenditures of the R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year:

Balance in hands of the R. W. G. Treasurer, September 1, 1877.....\$13,474 91

ESTIMATED RECEIPTS.

Representative Tax.....	\$10,950 00
Sale of Cards.....	10,000 00
Sale of Odes.....	1,000 00
Sale of Dismissal Certificates and Rebekah Certificates.....	100 00
Sale of Books.....	8,000 00
Charter Fees.....	300 00
Dues of Subordinates.....	2,000 00
Interest on Bonds.....	750 00
Diplomas.....	500 00
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ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES.

Mileage and Per Diem to Officers and Representatives.....	\$19,000 00
Daily Journal.....	1,000 00
Revised Journal and Index.....	6,000 00
Books.....	2,000 00
Odes, Cards and Diplomas.....	2,000 00
Grand Sire's and Grand Secretary's Reports.....	500 00
Salary of Grand C. and R. Secretary.....	3,000 00
Salary of Assistant Grand Secretary.....	2,000 00
Salary of Special Assistant to Grand Secretary.....	1,000 00
Salary of Grand Treasurer.....	500 00
Rent, fuel etc., Grand Secretary's office, and lease of ground.....	460 00
Contingent Fund and Incidentals. ....	1,000 00

## FOR EXPENSES OF COMMITTEE ON PRINTING SUPPLIES.

John M. Jones.....	\$ 18 00
James D. Cleaver.....	47 40
Wm. J. Miller.....	95 20
James B. Nicholson.....	47 40
Wm. R. McLean.....	30 00
James L. Ridgely.....	12 00
Joshua Vansant.....	18 00
Theodore A. Ross.....	18 00
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John W. Stokes, M. W. Grand Sire, necessary expenses.....	\$286 00 45 50
Printing and Binding Journal, Vols. V. and VI.....	1,000 00
Appropriation to send M. W. Grand Sire to Australia.....	1,000 00
Brantz Mayer, Translation of Spanish Ritual (additional).....	100 00
John H. White, preparing additional Index to Vols. 6, 7 and 8.....	100 00
Postage on Officers' reports and Daily Journal, Session of 1877.....	200 00
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	\$41,191 50

We offer the following resolutions for adoption:

*Resolved*, That the sum of forty-one thousand one hundred and ninety-one dollars and fifty cents, (\$41,191.50,) or so much thereof as may be necessary, is hereby appropriated for the payment of the annual expenses of this R. W. Grand Lodge for the ensuing year, in the manner and to the extent and for the purposes heretofore set out and expressed; and the R. W. Grand Secretary is authorized to draw his warrants on the R. W. Grand Treasurer therefor at such times and in such amounts as may be required to pay all proper bills of accounts as may be presented.

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Treasurer be and he is hereby authorized to sell from time to time such portion of the coupon bonds of this Grand Lodge as shall be necessary to pay the warrants of the R. W. Grand Secretary, as above.

Respectfully submitted,

ERIE J. LEECH,	LUTHER HOMES,
M. RICHARDS MUCKLE,	ALEX. L. SPEAR,
GEORGE HASKINS,	CHARLES B. NASH,
JAMES B. BLANKS,	I. C. STAFFORD.

The consideration of reports of committees was resumed.

The first report, page 7418, from the Special Committee to report a regalia or costume to be worn on public occasions by members of the Patriarchal Department who do not wish to appear in the uniform now authorized, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7419, from the Judiciary Committee, on the subject presented by Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, at the session of 1876, Journal, 6947, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee, No. 1, on the appeal of HENRY ASH, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, it was postponed,

with all other reports on appeals from the Grand Lodge of New York, until to-morrow morning.

The next report, page 7421, from the Legislative Committee, on the action of the Grand Lodge of New York with regard to the conferring of the Grand Lodge Degree, was considered.

Rep. TERRY, of Connecticut, moved that the further consideration of the report be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the question concerning "the honors of the Order," was considered.

The M. W. Grand Sire decided that the affirmative vote of four-fifths of the members present was required to adopt the report.

On a count, 56 voted in the affirmative, and 46 in the negative, and the motion to adopt the report was resolved in the negative.

The Chair announced that the hour fixed by special order for the exemplification of the secret work had arrived, when

Rep. MORRIS, of Kentucky, moved that Past Grand Representatives be permitted to remain during the secret session, which was agreed to.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, the Lodge resolved itself into secret session.

After several hours passed in secret session, the Lodge resumed its ordinary business.

The special order, viz: the reception of memorial addresses, was postponed until  $9\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock to-morrow morning.

Rep. FITZHUGH, of Virginia, moved that the Lodge adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved to amend by striking out 9 and inserting  $8\frac{1}{2}$ , which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the motion to adjourn until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The Deputy Grand Sire then, by order of the M. W. Grand Sire, declared the Lodge adjourned until to-morrow morning, at 9 o'clock.

SATURDAY, September 22, 1877—9 o'clock A. M.

The R. W. Grand Lodge assembled this day pursuant to adjournment. Present:

OFFICERS.

JOHN W. STOKES.....	M. W. Grand Sire.
JOHN B. HARMON.....	R. W. Deputy Grand Sire.
JAMES L. RIDGELY.....	R. W. Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.
JOSHUA VANSANT.....	R. W. Grand Treasurer.
THEODORE A. ROSS.....	R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary.
REV. J. W. VENABLE.....	R. W. Grand Chaplain.
JOHN W. SMITH.....	R. W. Grand Marshal.
JOHN W. McQUIDDY .....	R. W. Grand Guardian.
JOHN W. HUDSON.....	R. W. Grand Messenger.

PAST GRAND SIRES.

JAMES B. NICHOLSON.....	Pennsylvania.
JAMES P. SANDERS.....	New York.
FREDERICK D. STUART.....	District of Columbia.
MILTON J. DURHAM.....	Kentucky.

Prayer by Bro. REV. J. W. VENABLE, R. W. Grand Chaplain.

A quorum of Grand Bodies being present, the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire examined the Representatives and declared them duly qualified.

Whereupon by further order of the Grand Sire, he declared the Lodge open for the transaction of business.

On motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, the reading of the minutes of yesterday was dispensed with.

The jurisdictions were called, when

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved that 10 A. M. this day, be designated as the hour for the consideration of the resolution naming the place of the next meeting of the Grand Lodge, which was agreed to.

Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That in consideration of the increased labor devolved upon him by the assemblage of the Grand Lodge of the United States in this building, the sum of twenty-five dollars be appropriated for the use of JOSEPH F. SCHWEITZER, the Janitor.

Rep. HEISEY, of Iowa, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be directed to forward to the post-office address of the several officers and members

of this Grand Body the balance of the copies of the Daily Journal that may be due them after adjournment.

Rep. LEECH, of Iowa, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which was adopted :

WHEREAS, we have positive assurance that in the late fire which destroyed the home of our esteemed Bro. JOHN GIBSON, Representative of the Grand Encampment of Ontario, his library was entirely consumed, including the Journal of this R. W. Grand Body heretofore drawn by him; therefore, in view of the above loss,

*Resolved.* That this Grand Lodge hereby donates to Bro. GIBSON a full copy of Journals and books to replace those thus destroyed.

Rep. DEUEL, of Ohio, moved the following, which was adopted :

*Resolved,* That at future sessions greater facilities be afforded Representatives for consulting the secret work.

The hour designated for the reception of memorial addresses having arrived,

Rep. WELLINGTON, of Massachusetts, from the Special Committee on that subject, made the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

The official announcement by the M. W. Grand Sire, in his communication to this R. W. Grand Body, at the opening of the session, of the death of one of its most honored and valuable former members; one whose voice was familiar to many of you now present, whose wise counsel in these halls of legislation was often sought for and regarded, and, in the jurisdiction where he resided revered and beloved; your committee deem it peculiarly appropriate to submit for your consideration a brief history of his life and character and of his devotion to our beloved Order.

WILLIAM ELLISON, P. G. Sire, was born in Philadelphia on the 22d of September, 1811, and died at his residence, in Boston Highlands, August 23d, 1877, aged 64 years. He was buried in Forest Hills Cemetery, Sunday, the 26th, with Masonic rites, he being at the time of his decease Recorder of Boston Commandery of Knights Templar. Our Order was largely represented at his funeral by the officers and members of the Grand Lodge and of the Order generally.

He engaged in mercantile pursuits in early life, and with reasonable success. For several years he was Treasurer of the Boston Theatre Company, but he was best known through his connection with the Freemasons and Odd Fellows. In the various organizations of both Orders he held high rank, and by his genial manner won hosts of friends.

He was a member of Mt. Lebanon Lodge, F. & A. M.; a Past High Priest of St. Paul's Royal Arch Chapter; a Past Commander of the Boston Commandery of Knights Templar, (he having held that office from 1857 to 1861,) and a Past Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of Knights Templar of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. He had taken the thirty-third degree in Masonry.

He was initiated into the Order of Odd Fellows in Massachusetts Lodge, No. 1, August 29th, 1842. February 28th, 1843, he received the degrees in Massasoit Encampment, No. 1; elected C. P. in 1844, and Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts in 1845. In 1847 he was elected Repre-

sentative to this Grand Lodge. January 22d, 1844, he withdrew from Massachusetts Lodge for the purpose of forming Montezuma Lodge, No. 33, as one of its charter members. In September, 1844, he was elected N.G. In August, 1848, he was chosen Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Massachusetts, and in 1849 was re-elected to a seat in this Grand Body. In 1855 he was elected Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

While a resident of Roxbury he was often honored with the suffrages of his fellow-citizens, and at one time was President of the Common Council. He was also once a candidate for Mayor of the city. In every position of honor or trust to which he was called, he gave evidence of remarkable ability and fidelity. When the call came for a historiographer from Massachusetts the Grand Lodge selected him as the one from all others most eminently fitted for that duty. This was his last crowning act in Odd Fellowship. He literally died "with the harness on."

Thus has ended the life of one who was a true exponent of Odd Fellowship. No special eulogy is needed to embalm his memory in our hearts. The brightest niche upon the wall of fame must be awarded him for his unswerving devotion to principle and duty. His death creates a void in our ranks not readily filled. To quote from one of his own reports:

"Life's labor done,  
Serenely to his final rest he passed;  
While the soft memories of his virtues yet  
Linger, like sunlight hues when that bright orb has set."

Permit us now to offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That by the death of Bro. ELLISON the Grand Lodge of the United States loses one of its most efficient workers, and the Order at large an exponent of the principles of Odd Fellowship, who gave dignity and power to its teachings, and lived a life in keeping with what it taught; that by his culture, his energy, his fidelity, he won the respect of all, and through a long course of service shed a lustre upon the fraternity he served and revered; that dying at the zenith of his fame he has left his character to his brethren for their guidance and imitation, and his memory a sacred trust.

*Resolved*, That to our deceased brother and such as he, is due much of our rapid and healthy progress in the past; his eloquent words gave encouragement and strength; his wise and judicious counsellings increased confidence; his magnetic presence stimulated to keen activity, and all will feel that in his demise a brilliant star has sunk beneath the horizon.

*Resolved*, That we read with pride his address as Herald of the East at our Centennial gathering, seeing in his effort a forensic triumph of unqualified excellence—a worthy close of a long line of such and the last of his labors in this body.

*Resolved*, That his fidelity to every trust from the highest to the lowest, has been of the most conscientious character, to the performance of which duties he has devoted his intelligence, time and patience with unremitting zeal, contesting vigorously for right, and yielding no points where principle might be compromised; that as an interpreter of the laws of our Order he had few superiors, and his opinions upon matters relating to Odd Fellowship generally, were full of wisdom and good judgment.

*Resolved*, That in our deep sorrow we unite with the family of our deceased brother, and, in seeking consolation for ourselves, would remember them. We tender them our heartfelt sympathy, and invoke for them heaven's blessings upon the widow and fatherless.

*Resolved*, That these resolutions be placed upon the records, and a copy sent to the family.

Respectfully submitted,  
HORATIO WELLINGTON, HORACE W. STICKNEY,  
FRED. D. STUART, AMOS HILL,  
NATHAN TAYLOR.

The question being on the adoption of the report of the committee,

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, rose in his place and addressed the Lodge as follows :

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE;—I rise to second the resolutions reported by the committee, and although we are pressed for time, yet I must ask, and trust the Grand Lodge will indulge me for a moment.

On this occasion, Georgia desires to mingle her tears with those of Massachusetts, and would drop, though humble it be, a sprig of acacia upon the new made grave of the esteemed brother to whose memory the Grand Lodge is now paying its last tribute of respect.

With a melancholy beauty, the Poet has expressed it:

“Friend after friend departs,  
Who has not lost a friend?  
There is no union here of hearts,  
That finds not here, an end.”

Looking around me upon the Representatives in this Grand Lodge, I recognize the presence of but one, who was a member, when five-and-twenty years ago, I first had the honor to occupy a seat upon this floor. I allude to my friend and brother, FITZHUGH, the senior Representative from the jurisdiction of Virginia.

We were somewhat younger then, than now, and as an Odd Fellow, I was indeed but quite a youth, having just passed the threshold of the Order.

Surrounding circumstances this morning, combine to awaken in my bosom, an emotion, akin, I imagine, to the feeling, which upon another occasion, prompted the inquiry : “The friends of my youth! where are they? and an Echo answered, where are they?”

Among those whose acquaintance it was my fortune and my pleasure to make at an early day after my entrance into the Grand Lodge, in 1852, and which ripened into a friendship that continued down to his death, was P. G. Sire WILLIAM ELLISON.

He was then a Representative from the jurisdiction of Massachusetts. We served together as members of the Grand Lodge for two sessions. I was present and witnessed his election and installation into the high office which you now have the honor to hold, and served under him during his administration.

As a Representative upon this floor, he was ever active, vigilant, and faithful, and by his quiet disposition, his urbane deportment, and unobtrusive manners, united with his intelligence, his zeal and devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship, he won the respect and inspired the love of his fellow members.

As the presiding officer of this Grand Lodge, while he was firm and decided in the discharge of the duties of the office, he was always kind, affable, and courteous in his intercourse with the members, both in and out of the chair.

As a Past Grand Sire, he was regular in his attendance upon the sessions of this Grand Body, and by his counsel and his labors rendered efficient aid in the transaction of its business.

But sir he is gone, and the vacuum created here by his absence will not soon, if ever, be filled.

No more shall we look upon his mild and benevolent face. No more shall we hear the persuasive tones of his soft and mellow voice.

No more shall we feel the warm grasp of his fraternal hand.

And, I sir, shall no more hear the cordial greeting conveyed in his own peculiar tone, and which now lingers in my ear, “*Glenn of Georgia, how are you?*”

Most Worthy Grand Sire and Representatives, allow me to remark, that these annually recurring memorial announcements, should cause us to pause, and ponder seriously, the solemn admonition which they afford.

“In the midst of life, we are in death.”

How strikingly is *this truth in this instance* illustrated! It was but yesterday, as it were, and our brother moved among us, full of life, and hope, and vigor, with many years of usefulness in prospect before him, participating actively and prominently in the Centennial Ceremonies observed by the Order, in the City of Philadelphia, at our last annual communication.

To day, his mortality moulders in the grave, his spirit we trust and believe, rests in the bosom of its Father and its God.

And thus:

"From life to death, from death to life,  
We hurry round to God,  
And leave behind us nothing, but  
The path, that we have trod."

Whether that path, as did the one our brother trod, shall lie through the green fields of humanity, and be o'erarched with memories redolent of deeds of kindness and charity, or whether it shall pass through the lava beds of selfishness, and be marked only by acts of wrong and oppression to our fellow-men, is a problem, the solution of which depends upon our own volition.

Be it ours then, to emulate the virtues of our distinguished and lamented brother, and to so live and act as Odd Fellows, that when we too, come to "fall asleep," we may, like him, have a page in the great volume of human existence, dedicated to our memory, and upon it, our name, though humble it be, inscribed by the Widow's hand, bedewed with the Orphan's tear.

I trust, sir, the resolutions will be adopted unanimously, and by a rising vote.

The report and resolutions were unanimously adopted by a rising vote.

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted:

*Resolved*, That Grand Representative GLENN, of Georgia, be requested to furnish the Grand Secretary a copy of his eloquent eulogy on the late WILLIAM ELLISON, Past Grand Sire, that the same may be entered upon the Journal of this Grand Lodge.

Rep. COTHRAN, of Alabama, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: It is with sorrow I announce the death of Bro. ISAIAH DILL, Past Grand Representative, who departed this life at his residence, Huntsville, Alabama, July 5, 1877, aged seventy years.

Bro. DILL filled all the places of honor and trust that it was within the power of the Grand Lodge of Alabama to bestow, and his voice, whether in the hall of our State Grand Lodge, or of the G. L. U. S., was always and uniformly for the extension and furtherance of the lessons and requirements of Odd Fellowship. The warm fraternal greeting that always came with him to the convocation of our Grand Lodge will be sadly missed by his co-laborers in the work. Bro. DILL was born in Pennsylvania, December 25, 1806, and moved to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1842, and lived there the remaining part of his life. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a zealous Odd Fellow, and among his townspeople he was beloved as a singularly pure and good man. He has gone forward to meet the record of his life in the body.

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: The jurisdiction of Illinois has again been called upon to mourn the loss of an honored son in the death of NICHOLAS P. IGLEHART, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative.

Brother IGLEHART was born in Anne Arundel county, Maryland, July 29th, A. D. 1811; was initiated by Duane Lodge No. 11, of Chicago, Ill., in 1852 and during the same year became a member of Chicago Encampment No. 10, retaining his membership in both bodies up to the period of his death.

From his first admission into the Order, Brother IGLEHART manifested a lively and continued interest in Odd Fellowship, being regular in his attendance and filling the various offices in his Lodge and Encampment with marked ability and fidelity.

In 1856, he entered the Grand Lodge as Representative of his Lodge, and during the same year was admitted to membership in the Grand Encampment, by which body he was two years later elected to the office of Grand Patriarch.

At the session of 1859, he was elected to represent his jurisdiction in the Supreme Lodge of the Order—attending the sessions of 1860 and 1861 as such Representative.

Brother IGLEHART will long be remembered by his co-laborers as an earnest worker, a genial companion and a true Odd Fellow. During the last eight years of his life, he suffered from an organic disease, during which time he visited various localities in hopes of regaining his health, but on the tenth of April last, at the age of sixty-six years, the summons came, and with Hope, which had been his talisman through life, he entered the portals of the immortal.

Though now entombed his mortal frame may lie,  
That, which so endeared him—that can never die.

Rep HILL, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: The jurisdiction of Massachusetts has been again called upon to mourn the loss of another brother of intrinsic worth and excellent character. On the eighth of September, 1877, AMES JOHNSON, Past Grand Patriarch and Past Grand Representative, aged 59 years, while apparently in full health and strength, passed on, to a higher life. Suddenly, but not without premonition, he was cut down in the discharge of his duties as a citizen and an Odd Fellow. Bro. JOHNSON, although apparently in robust health, seemed to be impressed that his time on earth was drawing to a close, and had set his house in order for that important event.

His connection with the Order commenced with his initiation into Bethesda Lodge, No. 30, of South Boston, in the year 1859. In January, 1862, he was installed into the office of N. G. of the Lodge. In 1860 he was exalted in Mt. Washington Encampment, and in July, 1862, he was installed its C. P.

January, 1863, he was installed into the office of M. E. H. P., and, for six successive terms, filled that important office with much credit to himself and profit to the Encampment.

Upon the formation of Boston Encampment he withdrew from his old field of labor and became one of the charter members of the new Encampment. Immediately upon passing the chairs of his Lodge and Encampment, he was made a member of both State Grand Bodies, and, in 1866, was elected M. W. Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment, the duties of which he performed with marked ability and fidelity. During the years 1867 and 1868 he represented the Grand Encampment in this Grand Lodge.

Such is the brief history of his connection with the Order, as appears in our recorded history. His ever ready hand and sympathizing heart are best known by those who so often shared his bounty and received from his lips those kind words of comfort and consolation. To him, to live was to be an Odd Fellow; and he forgot not, that in the practice of Friendship, Love and Truth, were to be found the best safeguards against the ills of life.

Bro. JOHNSON was retiring in his manners; never seeking promotion or emoluments, yet he was often selected for his strict integrity and manliness of character, as an arbitrator, to settle differences between members of the Order and persons outside of the Order. The very large attendance upon the funeral services, by the brothers and citizens generally, and the eulogies delivered by the several speakers on that occasion, spoke volumes in attestation of the many virtues of a truly good man. It was well said by one of the speakers, that "his words of wisdom were listened to with respect by all who knew him; and in his daily walk and conversation, Bro. JOHNSON was a beautiful type of a true Odd Fellow."

In his death another star in the galaxy of Odd Fellowship has set; but it has left the impress of its benignant rays to cheer us on in the path he so wisely trod, and to stimulate us to higher thoughts and nobler actions.

Rep. STICKNEY, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows :

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: It becomes my sad duty to announce to this R. W. Grand Lodge the decease of one of its former members, Dr. CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM, Past Grand Representative, who died February 19, 1877, aged 55 years. In his death our Order and the community in which he lived have been called to mourn the loss of one of their most valued and useful members; one who was loved and honored the most by those who knew him the best.

He was a graduate of Harvard College in the class of 1840, and made choice of the medical profession, rising to distinction therein, as might safely have been predicted of him by those who knew of his close application to study, his clearness and precision of mind, and his good practical common sense, of which he possessed more than an ordinary share.

His career as an Odd Fellow, began with his initiation in Suffolk Lodge, No. 8, in Boston, November 4th, 1845. He represented the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts in the G. L. U. S. at its session of 1856, under appointment to fill a vacancy.

After occupying the subordinate elective positions, he was elected and installed Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, August 6, 1857. He was an admirable presiding officer, and discharged the duties of Grand Master at a somewhat critical period in the history of our Order in the jurisdiction of Massachusetts, in a highly creditable manner. At the close of his term of service, August 8th, 1858, he was again elected Representative to the G. L. U. S., and attended its session the following month. In this Body he was placed upon important committees at both sessions, and well and faithfully performed his share of the work. By his contribution to the periodical literature of the Order, he did much to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship, which was ever dear to his heart.

He was a genial-tempered and warm-hearted man, ever ready to succor the distressed. But in the prime of life and in the vigor of his years, he has been cut down, and the skilled and beloved physician, the kind father and friend, the true Odd Fellow, has passed on to his rest; and it remains for us, his bereaved associates, to drop a tear to his memory, and endeavor to emulate his virtues.

Rep. WELLINGTON, of Massachusetts, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: I rise to announce the death of H. N. GUNN, Past Grand Patriarch of Massachusetts, and a former member of this Grand Lodge. Bro. GUNN was elected Grand Patriarch of the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts, August, 1858, and in August, 1863, was chosen a Representative to this Grand Body. He died October 9, 1875, aged — years. No special eulogy of his life and character is necessary at my hands. It is sufficient to say that he was ever faithful to his obligations as an Odd Fellow, and as a citizen was honored and respected.

Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: It becomes my sad and painful task to perform the melancholy duty of announcing to you the death of another Past Grand Representative from the jurisdiction of Mississippi. I allude to Bro. WILLIAM CRUTCHER, who represented the Grand Lodge of that State in this Body in the years 1858 and 1859.

He is now no more. At the age of 62 he departed this life, at his residence in the city of Vicksburg, September 23, 1876, full of years and full of honors.

Brother CRUTCHER was one of the oldest, one of the brightest, and one of the most highly honored, as well as one of the most useful members of our Order.

He had filled almost every position in the Subordinate and Grand Lodges, and was elected Grand Master in 1858. He was also Grand Patriarch, and for many years Grand Treasurer of both Grand Bodies; and, was likewise, at the time of his decease, the Permanent Secretary as well as an active member of his Lodge, which always found him most regular in attendance on its meetings.

I have, indeed, the proud satisfaction of stating that he was in an eminent degree, characterized by a lofty devotion to the principles of Odd Fellowship, and that his Christian character and conduct, his zealous endeavors to extend the principles of Friendship, Love and Truth, his urbanity of deportment, kindness of heart, generous and noble nature, all contributed to endear him to every one who knew him.

I feel that I am fully warranted in saying that with those who knew him best his memory will ever be cherished in grateful remembrance, as one who was worthy of the highest admiration and esteem, and who, while he lived, brightly exemplified the noble character of the true Odd Fellow.

His exalted virtues as a man, a citizen and a friend, may well serve as a beacon light to cheer, to guide, to illumine the pathway of humanity in its ever-increasing efforts of philanthropy and benevolence.

Faithful to the end he stood,  
Farewell to the faithful Odd Fellow.

Rep. KIDDER, of New Hampshire, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: Death is the one event that comes to every human being. From other real or imaginary evils men may, in the Providence of God, escape. In this conflict, however, there is no retreat. There is no departure from this world of sin, sorrow and suffering to a higher and diviner life but through the gates of death. Neither tears, nor anguish, nor breaking heart-strings can avail anything when the fatal summons comes; and utterly powerless to ward off, at last, the grim messenger, are the prayers so universally uttered. Hence the true philosophy in this matter is, when all has been done that love can prompt and science devise, and the dear friend has passed from our presence, is to bow before the great affliction and

reverently take upon our lips: "The Lord gave and the Lord has taken away. Blessed be the name of the Lord."

With these sentiments on my lips, and deep sorrow in my heart, I have to announce the death of SAMUEL J. OSGOOD, Past Grand Master, and Grand Representative of the jurisdiction of New Hampshire.

SAMUEL J. OSGOOD was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, January 20, 1821, and died in the place of his nativity, of consumption, on the 14th day of February, 1877, aged 56 years. Bro. OSGOOD joined our Order on the 12th of November, 1844, on the evening of the institution of Winnipissiogee Lodge, No. 7, at Meredith Bridge, (now Laconia.) He was elected Secretary of his Lodge, and passed the chairs in 1848 and '49. In the latter year he entered the Grand Lodge of his State. In 1870 he was appointed Grand Conductor. The following year he was appointed Grand Guardian, and in succession was elected Grand Warden, Deputy Grand Master and Most Worthy Grand Master. In 1875 he was elected Grand Representative to this R. W. Grand Lodge, and was present, though in feeble health, at the session of 1876.

The record of Bro. OSGOOD as an Odd Fellow is a worthy one, and his example of fidelity and zeal is worthy of imitation. At the time of his death, and for many years previous, he was Secretary of his Lodge. The night before he died he was so feeble as to be assisted to the Lodge room, when he wrote up the full proceedings of the evening, in a fair and legible hand, signing his name thereto. In the morning, like a tired child, he passed gently into that sleep which knows no waking, and his spirit, we trust, returned to God who gave it.

Bro. OSGOOD filled many positions of trust, and always with rare ability and fidelity. We cherish his memory with satisfaction and delight. Prompt, punctual, exact, honest and agreeable as an officer, ready and willing at all times to perform every duty incumbent on him in consequence of his official positions—kind, indulgent, affectionate and loving, as brother, husband and father—upright and zealous to promote the growth of our beloved Order, possessing a generous soul and a sympathetic heart, few brothers have passed onward and upward to a higher life whose loss his immediate friends more keenly feel or deeply deplore than that of our worthy brother, SAMUEL J. OSGOOD. Well may we say of him:

"And now farewell! 'Tis hard to give thee up,  
With death so like a gentle slumber on thee!"

Rep. MILLER, of Rhode Island, rose in his place, and addressed the Lodge as follows:

Most WORTHY GRAND SIRE AND REPRESENTATIVES: HORACE A. MANCHESTER, Past Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, died at Stockton, in the State of California, on the 30th of April, 1877, aged 65 years.

Bro. MANCHESTER was a native of Rhode Island, and a Rhode Island Odd Fellow, and having, while a resident there, filled the high office of Deputy Grand Sire, it is proper that a Representative from his native State should present to the Grand Lodge of the United States, a notice of his death.

The Journal of Proceedings of the Grand Lodge of California, May Session, 1877, contains a sketch of Bro. MANCHESTER's life, from the pen of one who knew him well in Rhode Island; and years after, when each had left his native New England, to find a home on the more promising shores of the Pacific, learned to know him better, and to more highly appreciate his sterling qualities.

This tribute to his memory, so full, and withal so just and discriminating, I copy almost entire, and ask that it may be received and printed in the proceedings of this Right Worthy Grand Body.

It is as follows:

"Bro. MANCHESTER, in his boyhood, was studious and industrious, and at the

early age of 22 years was admitted as an attorney and counselor at law, to the bar of the Supreme Court of his native State. He soon took a leading position in his profession among the eminent men who were the lights of the Rhode Island Bar in the last generation.

"The Order of Odd Fellowship was revived in his native State, after a languishment of many years, about the year 1843; and when its benevolent objects and principles began to be understood, Bro. MANCHESTER became interested in the subject, and in 1843 or 1844, he was initiated in Friendly Union Lodge No. 1, of Providence. From the first, he was an interested and efficient member, performing all the duties which Odd Fellows of the olden time were called upon to perform. He visited the sick; was frequently a nightly watcher at the bedside of the invalid members of his Lodge, and was faithful in the performance of every duty.

"Being a member already ripe in years, with a sympathetic heart and a willing hand, with education, and a wealth of worldly experience, it was not strange that his advancement should have been rapid in the Order. Within a year after his initiation, he was the Noble Grand of his Lodge, and the next year he took his seat as a member of the Grand Lodge of his State. There his progress was almost as rapid, for he became Grand Master of his jurisdiction within three or four years after his admission to the Grand Lodge.

"In the year 1850, Past Grand Master MANCHESTER was admitted, for the first time, in the Grand Lodge of the United States, a Representative from the Grand Lodge of the State of Rhode Island. On the year of his admission, he was made a member of the Committee on the State of the Order. He continued a Representative of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in the G. L. U. S. until 1853, when he was elected Deputy Grand Sire of the Grand Lodge of the United States, in which office he served one term; after which he retired from active service in that Grand Body.

"Some years ago, before the late civil war, Bro. MANCHESTER removed from Rhode Island to Western New York, and engaged in business there; but had not been long a resident of New York, when the war commenced. He was soon after made Colonel of a regiment of Volunteers, in the Union Army, and served in that capacity for a considerable portion of the war.

"In 1867, Bro. MANCHESTER came to California, and in a year or two afterwards united by card with Stockton Lodge, No. 11, of Stockton, in which Lodge he held membership at the time of his death. Since 1867 he has been almost every year present in the Grand Lodge of California, where, as well as elsewhere in the Order, wherever he has been known, he has enjoyed the esteem of all who knew him, and the warm friendship of those who were his intimates.

"Bro. MANCHESTER was through life a genial and benevolent man; was possessed of great experience and varied knowledge, and as an Odd Fellow was always self-sacrificing, devoted and conscientious. Those who knew him best loved him most, and he has left in the hearts of his former friends and associates in the Order the highest appreciation of his good qualities, and the tenderest recollections of his earthly virtues."

The memorial addresses being concluded,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, from the Committee on the State of the Order, made the following report, when the rule requiring reports to lie on the table one day was suspended, and the report was considered and adopted:

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Section 5 of Article I, of the Constitution of this Grand Lodge, provides that the "unwritten work of the Order shall in nowise be altered or amended except

by a unanimous vote of *this Grand Lodge*." A quorum of the members assembled in session constitutes "*this Grand Lodge*," otherwise no business of any kind could ever be done except in case *every* member elected thereto was present, for the reason that it is only "*the Grand Lodge*" that is authorized to legislate for the Order, and to transact the other business. Hence, it seems to follow, that when the Constitution requires the unanimous vote of *this Grand Lodge* to alter the unwritten work, if every member present in Grand Lodge votes in the affirmative on the measure, the measure is adopted by a unanimous vote of "*this Grand Lodge*," although but a bare quorum be present.

The language changes in the same section when it speaks of the *written* work. It is: "nor shall the written work of the Order be in anywise altered or amended except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the *members* of this Grand Lodge." We are to assume that this change of phraseology means *something*, and it can mean nothing if only four-fifths of the *members present* or four-fifths of the *Grand Lodge* be intended. If it was the intention to put this vote on the same footing as the former case, except the *proportion* of the body, the drafter of the section would have said "four-fifths of *this Grand Lodge*," or "four-fifths of the *members present* in Grand Lodge," and not "four-fifths of the *members* of this *Grand Lodge*," which latter clause is equivalent to saying four-fifths of *all* the *members* of this *Grand Lodge*. This construction is strengthened by reference to Article XXI of the Constitution, in relation to amendments to the provisions of that instrument. That provides that it can be altered only "by a vote of three-fourths of the *members present*."

The Secret Journal throws no light upon this subject. It does not disclose the number of members present at the meetings; nor have we been able to find any record of the number of votes for or against a proposition, but simply the words "adopted," "agreed to," or "unanimously adopted," "not agreed to," and the like. We are therefore of opinion that the true construction of the clause in question, is, that it requires a vote of four-fifths of *all* the *members* elected to the *Grand Lodge* whose credentials have been approved.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN H. WHITE,	JAMES A. ARMSTRONG,
C. M. BUSBEE,	GEORGE DEAN,
L. K. BARBER,	A. B. CRANE,
R. H. McDANEL,	JOSEPH KIDDER,
J. F. BACKENSTO.	

The hour fixed by special order for the consideration of the invitation of the Grand Lodge of Texas to the Grand Lodge of the United States to meet in the city of Austin, having arrived,

Rep. HERRING, of Texas, moved the following:

WHEREAS, At the February session, 1877, of the R. W. Grand Lodge of the State of Texas, the following resolution was adopted:

"Resolved, That the R. W. Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of Texas, most cordially extends to the Right Worthy Grand Lodge, I. O. O. F., of the United States, an invitation to hold its regular session in 1878, in the city of Austin, State of Texas, and that this resolution be forwarded to the R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary, JAMES L. RIDGELY, under seal of this Grand Lodge;"

Therefore,

*Resolved*, That the said invitation be, and the same is hereby, accepted.

On motion of Rep. WEAKLEY, of Tennessee, the resolution was adopted.

The Chair announced the following committee :

*Special Committee on Costume or Regalia for Encampment Members, continued from last year.*—Reps. SHAFFNER, of Kentucky; TICKNOR, of Illinois; GIVEN, of the District of Columbia; KIDDER, of New Hampshire; JOHNSON, of Rhode Island.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the Lodge agreed to consider the reports of committees as they appear on the Journal.

The first report, page 7419, from the Appeal Committee No. 1, on the appeal of HENRY ASH, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, which was yesterday postponed until to-day, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to amend the resolution by striking out the word "sustained" and inserting the word "dismissed."

Rep. STEBBINS, of New York, moved to further amend, "that the appeal be remanded to the Grand Lodge of New York, to be tried on the merits of the case."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. WHITE, of New York, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative:

The proposed amendment to Article XXVIII, By-Laws, page 7330, submitted by Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, as follows, was considered .

WHEREAS, It is believed that the expenses of the Grand Lodge may be reduced by a modification of the By-Law creating the Committee on Printing Supplies, without, in any way, affecting the efficiency of the said committee or the interests of the Grand Lodge; therefore,

*Resolved*, That Article XXVIII of the By-Laws be amended by striking out the first section thereof and inserting the following :

SECTION 1. There shall be appointed at each annual session, immediately before the final adjournment, a Committee on Printing Supplies to consist of five members, including the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary and the Grand Treasurer; the three members to be appointed shall be selected from the Representatives from Maryland and contiguous jurisdictions.

The question being on the adoption of the amendment, Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, moved to amend as follows:

Strike out all after the word "Treasurer" in the fourth line.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved to lay the subject on the table, which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the amendment of Rep. RAWLINGS, of Maryland, it was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the amendment to the By-Law as submitted, it was adopted—fifty-seven voting in the affirmative and eight in the negative.

The next report, page 7421, from the Committee on the State of the Order, on the subject of communicating the A. T. P. W. to the retiring Noble Grand at the installation of officers for the term commencing in January, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7422, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Missouri concerning destitute brothers and widows, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the general correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7423, from the Legislative Committee, on the subject of an obituary chart, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7428, from the Appeal Committee No. 1, on the appeal of H. H. LOWENTHAL, from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, was considered in connection with the minority report on the same subject, same page.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Rep. DANN, of California, moved to amend by striking out "majority" and inserting "minority."

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows: "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. DANN, of California, to strike out "majority" and insert "minority?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the majority report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7430, from the Committee on Finance, appropriating one hundred dollars additional compensation to Bro. BRANTZ MAYER, for his services in translating the Span-

ish Ritual, also appropriating one thousand dollars, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for an edition of Volumes V and VI of the Journal, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of finances as presented by Rep. SHEPPARD, of Pennsylvania, and that part of the report of the M. W. Grand Sire relating to finances and infringement of copyright, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7431, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitutions of the Grand Lodge of Florida and the Grand Encampment of Vermont, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the Constitution of Idaho Encampment, No. 1, Boise City, Idaho, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7432, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Nebraska, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ontario, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Ohio, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7433, from the Committee on Miscellaneous Business, on the application of A. B. GROSH for permission to restore to his "Manual" the ceremonials formerly published therein, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7434, from the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship, on the several subjects referred to

them, and providing for the publication of the history, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the subject of compensation to F. S. OSTHEIM, D. D. G. Sire, for expenses incurred, in making a translation of the work of the Order into the Holland tongue, and for performing the duties of Special Commissioner, was considered.

On motion of Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, the blank in the second resolution was filled with "one hundred dollars," and the report as amended was adopted.

The next report, page 7435, from the same committee, relating to the Order in Peru, and remitting the balances due from the Subordinate Lodges, as recommended by the Grand Sire in his report, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the subject of introducing the Order into the Empires of China and Japan, referred to by the M. W. Grand Sire in his report, was considered in connection with the minority report, on the same subject, page 7436.

The question being on the adoption of the majority report, Rep. PORTER, of California, moved to amend by adding to the resolution, "that the Grand Sire, in his discretion, have authority to issue commissions for the establishment of Lodges in Asia," which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, the two reports were adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Petitions, on the petition of Harmony Encampment No. 2, British Columbia, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the memorial from the Grand Encampment of Pennsylvania, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the first resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the second resolution, it was resolved in the negative.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7438, from the Committee on Finance, on the assets and liabilities of the Grand Lodge, was considered and adopted.

The resolutions on page 7454, submitted by Rep. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, as follows, were considered and adopted :

*Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

*Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the M. W. Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.

The next report, page 7455, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution submitted by Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, that the possession of the Scarlet Degree is a necessary qualification for all appointed officers in a Subordinate Lodge, was considered.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that the report be indefinitely postponed, which was agreed to.

The next report, page 7456, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolutions submitted by Rep. JONES, of Wisconsin, changing the qualifications for office, etc., in Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered.

The question being on the first resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That hereafter the only qualification for office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be: 1st. Such member shall be an actual contributing member in good standing in such Lodge; 2d. No member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

It was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the term P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge shall not be applicable to or used in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and the passwords of the Rebekah Degree shall alone be used by both sexes therein from and after the first day of January next.

It was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That all former legislation, in conflict with the foregoing resolutions, is hereby repealed.

It was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7457, from the same committee, on the report of the Grand Secretary concerning Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The Chair named as the committee required by the report :

Reps. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia; SPATES, of West Virginia; KENNEDY, of Ohio.

The next report, page 7457, from the Committee on Correspondence, on the correspondence of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary, pertaining to the German Empire, was considered.

Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, moved to indefinitely postpone the first and second resolutions.

Rep. BOYD, of California, moved the previous question, which was ordered and put as follows : " Will the Lodge adopt the motion of Bro. SANDERS, P. G. Sire, to indefinitely postpone the first and second resolutions ? " which was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the third resolution, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions as amended, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7460, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. BELL, of Ohio, concerning the issuing of visiting cards, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Committee on Returns, on the annual reports of Grand and Subordinate Lodges and Encampments, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7461, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions of Rep. HAVENNER, of the District of Columbia, defining the rights and privileges of members in arrears for dues, was considered.

The question being on the first resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That a member of a Subordinate Lodge or Encampment, who is in arrears for weekly or funeral dues more than thirteen weeks, is not entitled to the term password or to vote in the Lodge or Encampment, but is a contributing member until suspended, dropped or expelled in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines, (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then until the expiration of such time thereafter, as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

It was adopted.

The question being on the second resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive, in full or in part, the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues, unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

It was adopted.

The question being on the third resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, and, unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended, (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears, does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such, the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

It was adopted.

The question being on the fourth resolution, as follows :

*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions; be and is hereby repealed.

It was adopted.

The question being on the adoption of the report and resolutions, it was resolved in the affirmative.

On motion of Rep. WILLISTON, of Minnesota, it was

*Resolved*, That the foregoing resolutions shall take effect from and after the first day of January, 1878.

The next report, page 7463, from the Committee on Foreign Relations, on the subject of placing the Encampment Degrees

under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries, as suggested by the M. W. Grand Sire, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the same committee, on the clearance cards issued by the Grand Lodge of Australia, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7464, from the Committee on the Degree of Rebekah, on the resolution of Rep. COTHRAN, of Alabama, to admit daughters of members of the Fifth Degree to membership in the Degree of Rebekah, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Appeal Committee No. 2, on the appeal of M. C. EAMES, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report, Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, moved the following :

*Resolved*, That the resolution appended to the report be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, viz :

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. M. C. EAMES be sustained.

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until after recess.

The next report, page 7467, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolution of Rep. BARROWS, of Mississippi, on granting authority to the Noble Grands and Secretaries to issue visiting cards when the Lodge is not in session, was considered and adopted.

The next report, page 7468, from the Committee on Constitutions, on the amended Constitution of the Grand Encampment of California, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Legislative Committee, on the resolutions of Rep. DANN, of California, on the subject of General Relief Committees, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next session.

The next report, page 7481, from the Judiciary Committee,

on the communication from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin relating to the diversion of funds, was considered and adopted.

The next report, same page, from the Special Committee on the resolution of Rep. INGERSOLL, of Michigan, relative to the appeal of Fayette Lodge, No. 16, of that jurisdiction, on the subject of assessments for the erection of the Odd Fellows' Institute of Michigan, was considered.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. DEAN, of Michigan, raised the following point of order :

The resolution of the committee under consideration, not being a law of general application, but a special act applying to a single jurisdiction, is not in order, the passage of special acts not being among the reserved powers of this R. W. Grand Body. See Section 8, Article I, of the Constitution.

The Chair decided the point of order not well taken ; that the Grand Lodge was fully competent to legislate upon the subject before them.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

The next report, page 7485, from the Committee on Finance, estimating the receipts and expenses for the current year, and appropriations therefor, was considered and adopted.

The Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary made a statement concerning the History of Odd Fellowship, when

Rep. DANN, of California, moved that the vote by which the report of the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship was adopted, be reconsidered, which was agreed to.

The question being on the adoption of the report,

On motion of Rep. DANN, of California, the report was recommitted.

Rep. GWINNER, of Pennsylvania, moved that when this Grand Lodge adjourns it shall be to meet at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M., which was agreed to.

On motion of Bro. NICHOLSON, P. G. Sire, the rule requiring reports to lie on the table one day was suspended for the remainder of the session.

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, from the Special Committee on Translation of the Ritual in French, Bohemian and other lan-

guages, made the following report, which was considered and adopted :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee, to which was referred the matter of the translating our rituals into French, Bohemian and other languages, respectfully report that it has considered with some care the subject so referred, and while it has grave doubts as to whether the question is a new one, it could either approve the system heretofore adopted or recommend further translations. Yet, we do not recommend any change in the policy so long pursued, to permit and authorize translations whenever a respectable number of good citizens of any nationality desire to avail themselves of the advantages of our Order.

Your committee is advised that the French translation made in 1851, is very imperfect, abounding in errors and blunders, and a part of the work has never been translated at all; therefore they believe a new translation should be made.

The number of Bohemians residing in this country is largely in excess of the French, and they are therefore as much entitled to a translation as the French, and we therefore offer the following resolutions :

*Resolved*, That there be a new translation of the ritual into the French language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary ; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That there be a translation of the ritual into the Bohemian language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary ; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

Respectfully submitted,

E. B. SHERMAN, COLIN M. BOYD,  
JOHN H. WHITE.

The R. W. Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary rose and addressed the Lodge as follows :

MOST WORTHY GRAND SIRE: I rise at this late hour, by your permission, to address this Grand Lodge, for which I ask its indulgence, prefacing what I have to say with the promise that I shall be very brief. It is apparent to you all, my brethren, that old age has overtaken your Grand Secretary, and that, in the evening of his life, his health, which has always been frail, has been gradually declining. Although heretofore I have been, and still am, equal to the requisitions and responsibilities of the office, and my mental vigor has been mercifully preserved, as abundantly appears, yet my physical infirmity is not less manifest. My mind has been struggling, while sitting at this desk during the session, between "official duty" and pressing private interests. "Duty" has at length prevailed in the issue; in obedience to which I now notify the Grand Lodge that if, by the law of nature, as is reasonably probable, I shall, after the end of my present term, be physically disqualified, or unable to serve you longer, it will be your duty to supply the succession adequately. You all know that this is by far the most important office within your gift. I have been honored by this Grand Body, as its incumbent, as no other man in this Order, or, perhaps, elsewhere, has been honored before, having been continued, by re-election, in office for thirty-seven years, for which I now bow before you with profound gratitude, and with memories of love and emotions of heart which are difficult to describe or to restrain.

Bro. DURHAM, P. G. Sire, by unanimous consent, moved the following, which was unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, The present venerable and able Corresponding and Recording Secretary of this R. W. Grand Lodge has long served in that office with great ability and strict fidelity, and has done so much to perfect the beautiful teachings of our ritual, and to extend the principles of this Order ; and,

WHEREAS, He has this day announced his probable retiracy from this office at the expiration of his present term ; therefore,

*Resolved*, That we sincerely regret to hear such announcement, and hope that his life and strength may be preserved to still fill said office for years to come.

*Resolved*, Should this faithful officer retire as indicated, he carries with him the profound respect and affection of this Grand Body as a man and an Odd Fellow, and our thanks for the able and faithful manner in which he has discharged his every duty, and with the wish that his declining years may be quiet, peaceful and happy, and in death he may have a bright hope of a blissful immortality.

Rep. SHERMAN, of Illinois, moved to reconsider the vote by which the resolution to meet at  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock was adopted, which was not agreed to.

On motion of Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, the Grand Lodge adjourned until  $3\frac{1}{2}$  o'clock P. M.

$3\frac{1}{2}$  O'CLOCK P. M.

The Grand Lodge assembled pursuant to adjournment.

Present, the Grand Officers and a quorum of Representatives.

The Chair announced the following committees :

*Committee on Printing Supplies, as required by the amended By-Law, Article XXVIII.*—Rep. JONES, of Maryland ; Bros. NICHOLSON and STUART, Past Grand Sires ; Grand Secretary RIDGELY, and Grand Treasurer VANSANT.

*Sub-Committee on Finance, required by the resolutions of Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania, Journal, page 7503.*—Reps. MUCKLE, of Pennsylvania, and SPEAR, of Maryland.

The Chair announced the special order, viz : The consideration of the report of the Appeal Committee No. 2, page 7464, on the appeal of M. C. EAMES, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.

Rep. PORTER, of California, chairman of the committee, by consent, amended the report as follows :

Strike out the last three lines of the last paragraph of the report, and insert the following in lieu thereof :

"of the decision in the said case of KENNEDY, so far as the same can be considered to contravene said former decisions ; but as said decision in the case of KENNEDY seems contrary to well established principles, your committee presume that there was something peculiar in the case itself, which led to said decision, and that it was intended to affect that case alone, therefore your committee recommend the passage of the following :"

The question being on the amendment of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario, page 7506, as follows :

*Resolved*, That the resolution appended to the report be struck out, and the following inserted in lieu thereof, viz:

*Resolved*, That the appeal of Bro. M. C. EAMES be sustained.

Rep. BUSBEE, of North Carolina, moved the previous question, which was ordered, and put as follows : "Will the Lodge adopt the amendment of Rep. WOODYATT, of Ontario?" which was resolved in the negative.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. GALES, of North Carolina, from the Committee on the History of Odd Fellowship, made the following report :

*To the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States:*

Your committee to whom their report on page 7434 was recommitted, report as follows :

Modify the second resolution so that it shall read :

*Resolved*, That all the historical manuscripts be placed in the possession of the Historiographer, with a request to complete the work at the earliest practicable day, and bring the same to publication ; and that, in that case, he shall assume the sole responsibility and cost of such publication, and receive whatever profits may result from the sale ; *provided*, that after the KENNEDY MSS. shall have been used by the Historiographer in the preparation of the work, they shall be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge as its property.

Modify the third resolution so as to read :

*Resolved*, That in the event the Historiographer does not bring the said history to press, or designate some one to do so, all the manuscripts shall revert to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and be deposited in its archives.

Respectfully submitted,

SEATON GALES,

*For the committee.*

The question being on the adoption of the report,

Rep. TICKNOR, of Illinois, moved to amend as follows :

Insert between the words "to do so" and the word "all" in the third resolution, "within a reasonable time."

Which was not agreed to.

The question recurring on the adoption of the report, it was resolved in the affirmative.

Rep. ROBBE, of Georgia, laid on the table the following amendment to the Constitution :

*Resolved*, That Section 5, Article I, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting in the last line between the words "members" and "of" the word "present," so that the section shall read:

To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members *present* of this Grand Lodge.

C. A. ROBBE, of Georgia.

W. H. CLOWARD, of Delaware.

GEO. DEAN, of Michigan.

Rep. COCHRAN, of Mississippi, laid on the table the following additional article to the Constitution:

*Resolved*, That all appointed officers of any Subordinate Lodge shall be in possession of the Scarlet Degree, except the Chaplain and Scene Supporters.

S. C. COCHRAN, of Mississippi.

W. A. BARRY, of Tennessee.

EDWIN S. PIKE, of Missouri.

J. W. STEBBINS, of New York.

JOHN T. GIVEN, of District of Columbia.

The M. W. Grand Sire presented a German translation of the Initiatory Charge Book, this day received from the Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire.

Rep. DEUEL, of Ohio, moved to reconsider the vote by which the Grand Lodge resolved to meet in Austin, Texas, in 1878.

Rep. GLENN, of Georgia, moved that the Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was not agreed to.

The question being on the motion to reconsider the vote designating Austin, Texas, as the place of meeting in 1878, it was resolved in the negative.

Rep. WHITE, of New York, moved that the Grand Lodge do now adjourn *sine die*, which was agreed to.

The Lodge being called up, the R. W. Grand Chaplain, Rev. J. W. VENABLE, addressed the Throne of Grace as follows:

Most merciful God and Father—who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than we desire or deserve—we render praises unto Thee for the mercies and benefits of the past week. We bless Thee for the fraternal intercourse we have enjoyed, for the prosperity of our Order, for its increasing field of usefulness, and for the privilege of consulting together for the promotion of the cause we love. May harmony prevail throughout our borders, enabling us to maintain our principles in unity of spirit and in the bond of peace. Let Thy Fatherly hand ever be over us, and Thy holy Spirit ever be

with us, in our ministry of charity and good-will to suffering humanity. Have pity, O merciful Father, upon the widow and orphan, and all who are desolate and oppressed; show them the light of Thy countenance; sustain them with heavenly consolations, and in Thine own time relieve their necessities.

We now commend ourselves to Thy protection and care. Preserve us in all our journeyings, guard us in every danger, keep us in health and safety, and in due time restore us again to the joys and comforts of our homes.

"Our Father, who art in Heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done on earth, as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. Forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory forever. Amen."

Whereupon the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, by direction of the M. W. Grand Sire, proclaimed the Grand Lodge adjourned *sine die*.

JAMES L. RIDGELY,  
*Grand Cor. and Rec. Secretary.*

#### PAST GRAND REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT DURING THE SESSION.

*Resolved*, That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to record in the Journal of each session the names of Past Grand Representatives who may be present (and report to said officer), and that a copy of the Revised Journal be mailed to each Past Grand Representative whose name may appear therein.—Journal, 1870, page 4861.

NAME.	JURISDICTION.	RESIDENCE.
L. A. Gobright.....	District of Columbia.....	Washington, Dist. of Columbia.
R. Finley Hunt.....	District of Columbia.....	Washington, Dist. of Columbia.
Wm. W. Danenhower....	Illinois.....	Washington, Dist. of Columbia.
Schuyler Colfax.....	Indiana .....	South Bend, Indiana.
J. Norwood Clark.....	Iowa.....	Iowa City, Iowa.
John A. Thompson.....	Maryland.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
B. F. Zimmerman.....	Maryland.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
Alexander K. Mantz.....	Maryland.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
E. Gover Cox.....	Maryland.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
Augustus M. Foute.....	Mississippi .....	Baltimore, Maryland.
William H. Clark.....	North Carolina.....	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
Henry Lindenberg.....	Ohio.....	Columbus, Ohio.
William F. Slater.....	Ohio.....	Pekin, Illinois.
Hugh Latham.....	Virginia .....	Alexandria, Virginia.

## APPENDIX.

## R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

The following is published as required by the adoption of the report of the Committee on Foreign Relations, page 6660, Journal of 1875.

## REPORT OF THE M. W. GRAND SIRE, AUGUST, 1877.

R. W. GRAND REPRESENTATIVES:—1. With fraternal greetings to you and all the members of our Order, I beg leave to submit to you the report of my official actions of last year.

2. With sincere satisfaction I look back upon the prosperity and progress of our beloved Order in Germany, since several desirable changes have been inaugurated and brought about for the purpose of strengthening Odd Fellowship in this country. I perceived with pleasure the disposition prevailing throughout the membership to adapt the internal management and regulations more and more to the manners and customs of Germany. It is principally the question of benefits which exercised the minds of many members most earnestly.

3. The centres of union for mutual labor have grown in numbers, and the increase of Lodges facilitated a better and clearer understanding amongst the brethren. Several new Lodges and the District Grand Lodge of Saxony were instituted, erecting so many more altars of humanity, where the principles of our noble Order may be put into practice.

4. The membership of the Order in Germany has grown not alone in quantity, but also, as my predecessor in his last year's report desired, in quality. In some Lodges appropriate lectures were delivered by brethren, whose able discourses acted as magnets, augmenting the attendance of the meetings. May the same interest and zeal prevail everywhere! With regret, I state that Spohr Lodge, in Cassel, Schiller Lodge, in Stuttgart, and Rebekah Lodge "Einigkeit," in Berlin, returned their charters.

5. The D. D. Grand Sires aided me very materially by their fraternal and manly assistance, and by the conscientious performance of their official duties, for which they will please accept my sincere thanks.

6. One question is pending yet, and I trust it will be decided during this session of the G. L. G. E., in conformity with the wishes of a great number of Subordinates. It is the question of benefits, over which the President of the Royal Police Department in Berlin still holds his rigorous hand, and which should be solved definitely at this session. All endeavors on the part of the R. W. D. Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, and my personal efforts in this matter, accomplished nothing but a prolongation of the time granted to us to comply ultimately with the requirements of the Police authorities, while, contrary to their perception of the question of benefits, the legal opinion of a very prominent jurist of Berlin is favorable to us. May God, in whose care we all stand, assist us in our sublime and glorious cause to the benefit and happiness of all German brothers!

7. You will perceive from the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, the status, and from the report of the R. W. Grand Treasurer, the financial condition of our Order in Germany.

8. Reform seems to be necessary to improve our financial affairs, as many Subordinates do not pay as much per centage to the D. G. L., as they have to forward to the G. L. G. E.

9. In regard to the resolutions passed by the G. L. G. E. last year, I have to state the following: 1. The translation of the Charge Books for Subordinates and Degrees was attended to and awaits your approval. 2. The material for the code of laws (Digest) is in the hands of Bro. L. BRANDT, who as you know is well versed and competent to be entrusted with the compiling of the same. 3. The diploma which was voted to P. G. Sire H. WOLLHEIM by the G. L. G. E., has been executed, and was duly forwarded to our beloved brother. The introduction of our Order into Austria seems to be at present, and for some time to come, a matter of impossibility. While Masonic Lodges exist in Hungary, that important and almost independent State of Austria, all exertions to overcome the legal obstacles existing against secret societies, including our Order, in the other States of the Empire, were in vain. You will find a lengthy correspondence on the subject in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary, where you will also perceive that the prospects of introducing our Order into Hungary are favorable, and preparations have been made to institute a Lodge in the City of Budapest. Highly gratifying is the ultimate success of P. G. Sire F. S. OSTHEIM, in establishing the first Lodge in Holland. After the original difficulties were removed and the Ritual was translated, Paradise Lodge, No. 1, in Amsterdam, was instituted with the expectation of soon being followed by a second Lodge, and by a general success. As D. D. Grand Sires, I appointed: Bro. BRANDT, for the Encampments in Berlin and the Lodges in Silesia; Bro. SETZER, for Uhland Encampment in Stuttgart; Bro. Dr. EALES, for Lodges and Encampments in Saxony—and, after the D. G. L. of Saxony was organized, Bro. I. G. Z:CHALER, for Lessing Encampment in Dresden; the supervision of the District of Hannover I reserved for myself.

10. Of my official visits to Subordinates I mention especially my trip to the City of Posen, where I instituted personally Kosmos Lodge, No. 22, of Prussia. I was also present at the anniversaries of Lessing, Hansa, Morse, Leibniz, Roland and Hœlty Lodges. I also visited Templar Lodge, No. 4, and Socrates Lodge, No. 8, in Berlin. Everywhere I found an earnest desire to cultivate and improve our sacred principles.

11. Charters I granted for instituting:—1. Kosmos Lodge, No. 22, in Posen, November 4, 1876. 2. District Grand Lodge of Saxony, December 30, 1876. This Grand Body was instituted by the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. MEYENDORF, at my request. Kosmos Lodge, No. 22, in Posen, I put under the supervision of the D. D. Grand Sire for Silesia, Bro. BRANDT. The Lodges of Baden petitioned for a charter for a District Grand Lodge of that State, but I postponed the same for the time being, on account of objections made by the District Grand Lodge of Wurttemberg. A new petition of the Past Grands of Baden, lately received, I submit to your decision.

12. Between the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United States and our German Grand Body, the same friendly and fraternal feeling exists as heretofore.

13. According to a resolution of last year, Bro. MEYENDORF, Grand Secretary, transmitted to the Grand Lodge of the United States a letter of apology for not having sent a Representative to the Centennial session, as circumstances were unfavorable. The affectionate words of the reply to that letter are the best proof of the intimate and cordial relationship entertained between both Grand Lodges and their officers; still this is not the only guarantee for the really fraternal sentiments existing between the German and American jurisdictions. Bro. WOLLHEIM was requested by me to express, by letter, the gratitude of this Grand Lodge to Templar Lodge, No. 17, San Francisco, for the precious jewel presented by the latter. But it seems proper to forward to the same also a vote

of thanks, signed by all the Representatives and officers of this present Grand Lodge.

15. I am happy to state that during my term no appeals came before me, caused by controversies or differences. Peace has returned unto Borussia Lodge, No. 2, and harmony reigns throughout the Empire.

16. The 26th of April, 1877, was properly observed, in accordance with my proclamation, as the anniversary of our great Order and in commemoration of its founder, Bro. THOMAS WILDEY.

17. During last year a second organ, named "Odd Fellow," was started by Bro. EUG. GRIMM, at Leipzig. I endeavored to prevent this, not deeming it timely, but I did not prohibit it, while I, as my correspondence shows, kept a watchful eye over the contents of this new publication.

Having arrived at the end of my official term, I desire to express my fraternal thanks to all brethren of this jurisdiction for their direct and indirect aid and forbearance, while I wish to acknowledge especially the valuable services rendered by Bro. MEYENDORF, R. W. Grand Secretary. Returning into your hands the high charge entrusted to me during the past year, I pray: O Lord, protect our beloved Order for ever more.

I remain yours, in F., L. and T.,

L. ELSASSER, *Grand Sire.*

EXTRACT FROM THE REPORT OF THE GRAND SECRETARY TO THE R. W.  
GRAND LODGE OF THE GERMAN EMPIRE.

I herewith submit most respectfully my annual report and correspondence of 1876 and 1877.

At the last session, I received the following special orders:

1. To collect outstanding debts.

2. To write to the G. L. U. S., and also to the Grand Lodge of Switzerland, as to sending a Special Deputy to the Centennial celebration and session of the G. L. U. S., to be held at Philadelphia in 1876.

3. To acknowledge with thanks the receipt of the printed and bound proceedings of the G. L. U. S. of 1875.

4. To acknowledge the congratulations of Silesia Lodge, No. 10, Gœrlitz.

5. To transmit a group picture of the members of the last session of G. L. G. E., and a diploma to Bro. H. WOLLHEIM, in acknowledgment of his services rendered to the Order when first being introduced into Germany.

6. To have fifty copies of the new Code of Laws printed, and to distribute the same among the Grand Representatives.

7. To remit \$91 35 to the G. L. U. S. for books, cards, etc.

8. To continue correspondence as to organizing new Lodges in Posen, Konigsberg and Budapest.

9. To distribute the printed proceedings of the G. L. G. E.

10. To take an inventory of the property belonging to the G. L. G. E., with the assistance of the R. W. Grand Treasurer and the Finance Committee.

Of the above orders, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 were duly executed; for 6, circumstances were unfavorable; as to 7, the above sum, as well as the amount of a later bill, was remitted to the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY. 8. In Posen, Kosmos Lodge was instituted November 4, 1876, as you perceive from the report of the M. W. Grand Sire. In Konigsberg, our expectations have not been realized, as pecuniary assistance seemed to be required for accomplishing our object. On the other hand, prospects in Budapest are favorable, although some misunderstanding, the source of which is unknown to me, has caused a delay.

A Mr. GRINZENBERGER, at Vienna, a young government official, requested me to furnish him full information as to Odd Fellowship, with a view to eventually introduce the Order into that imperial city. But, while his letters, otherwise indicating intellect and education, were full of enthusiasm for our noble teachings, his ignorance of the inner working of our Order is amusing, for he

begged to be made a member "*in absentia*, or *par distance*." He might become a valuable acquisition to our Order, when once the Austrian laws will permit its introduction. On behalf of the G. L. G. E., I transmitted congratulations to Rousseau Lodge in Switzerland, and Schwarzwald and Becker Lodges in Germany, on the occasion of their respective anniversaries.

9. The distribution of the proceedings was attended to, but I regret that the number of copies is generally too limited to reciprocate properly the attention paid to us by the G. L. U. S. 10. The inventory you will find annexed to my report.

During the last year printed proceedings were presented to the library by nearly every State Grand Lodge in the United States.

I request of you an appropriation as heretofore, for the benefit of the library.

STATUS OF THE ORDER IN GERMANY, JULY 1, 1877.

D. Grand Lodge of Brandenburg, number of Subordinates.....	12
Wurttemburg,     "     "     " .....	13
Hannover,       "     "     " .....	8
Saxony,          "     "     " .....	5
Silesia Lodge, No. 10, Gœrlitz.....	1
Morse     "     " 14, Breslau .....	1
Hochwald "     " 19, Waldenburg in Silesia.....	1
Kosmos     "     " 22, Posen .....	1
 Total Lodges.....	42
Farnsworth Encampment, No. 1, Berlin.....	1
Victoria       "     " 2, Berlin.....	1
Copernikus      "     " 3, Hannover.....	1
Uhland       "     " 1, Stuttgart.....	1
Lessing       "     " 1, Dresden.....	1
 Total Encampments.....	5
Lodges—Initiated during the year.....	336
Admitted by card.....	57
Reinstated .....	1
Withdrawn by card .....	124
Suspended.....	112
Expelled .....	110
Deceased.....	18
Rejected .....	27
 Encampments—Initiated during the year.....	17
Admitted by card.....	1
Withdrawn by card.....	5
Suspended.....	55
Deceased .....	1

## GENERAL RETURNS.

	July 1, 1876.	July 1, 1877.	Plus.	Minus.
Number of Grand Lodges .....		4		
Subordinates .....	43	42		
Encampments.....	5	5		
Lodge members.....	1938	1968	30	
Encampment members.....	209	166		43
Total revenue.....	Marks *86,731.96	77,917.13		8,814.83
Total relief.....	" 12,814.19	13,030.60	216.41	

\*1 Mark = 23 cents 8 mills in gold.

The total receipts of the G. L. G. E. from per centage, and from the sale of charters, charge books, cards, etc., amounted to Marks 4,894.18.

A bill of \$6.36 for 212 cards from the R. W. Grand Secretary, Bro. RIDGELY, is not paid yet. I also call your attention to the expense of \$4.35 which the same had to pay for freight on volume 8 of proceedings of G. L. U. S., intended for this Grand Body. The parcel was directed, as R. W. Assistant Grand Secretary, Bro. Ross, informed me afterwards, to the former Grand Secretary, W. ALTVATER, who had meanwhile changed his residence, and neglected to give due notice of it. For this reason the volume could not be delivered, and was returned to Baltimore. As the officers of the G. L. U. S. are not responsible for the irregularities committed by our officers, I submit to you the propriety of returning the sum of \$4.35 to Bro. RIDGELY.

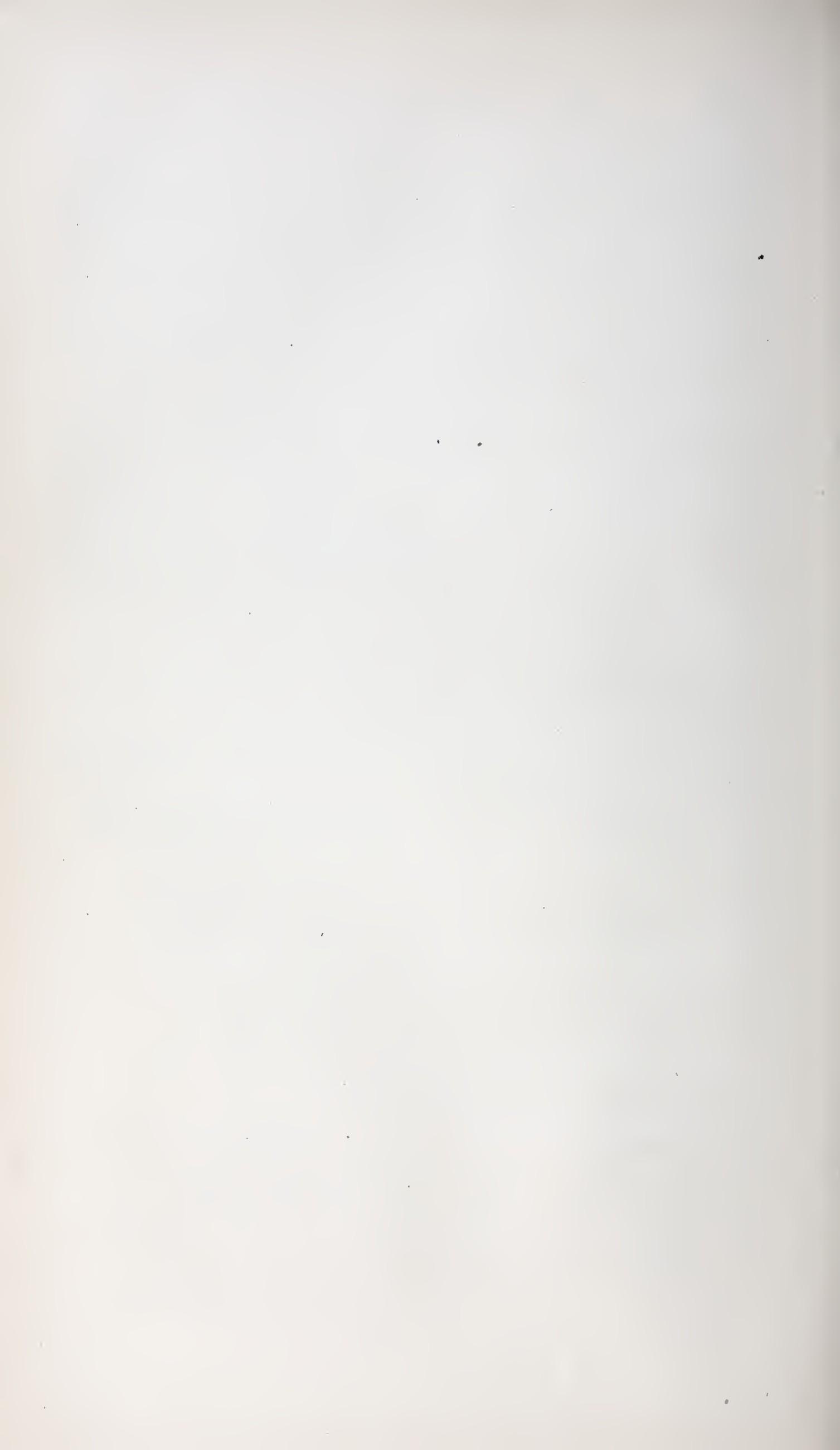
Here I desire to call your special attention to a matter of great importance. You all know that the R. W. G. L. U. S. has reserved for herself the sole right of the publication and sale of all books, cards, charters, diplomas, etc. While it is *eo ipso* rather difficult and tedious to order, to ship and to receive all those articles from America, it is also a heavy expense to this Grand Lodge, considering the high charges for postage, freight, etc., as you can readily perceive from the report of the Grand Treasurer. I therefore beg leave to propose that the R. W. G. L. U. S. be respectfully requested to grant the G. L. G. E. the privilege of having all books, etc., intended for the German jurisdiction, printed in Germany. Confiding in the many evidences of kind and fraternal feelings, and of the deep interest which the R. W. G. L. U. S. has always taken in the welfare and prosperity of her German offspring, I dare hope for a favorable consideration of this request, the more so as no alterations could be made whatsoever without the authority or permission of the G. L. U. S.

Before I close this report, I desire to express my sincere thanks to the M. W. Grand Sire, and also to all the officers and brothers with whom I came officially in contact, for their indulgence and their kind assistance.

When I entered upon the duties of the office of Grand Secretary, I promised to perform the same to the best of my knowledge and ability. Trusting I have succeeded, at least to convince you of my willingness and of my good intentions,

I am fraternally yours,

F. MEYENDORF, *Grand Secretary.*



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OF THE  
R. W. GRAND LODGE OF THE UNITED STATES,

INDEPENDENT ORDER OF ODD FELLOWS, 1877.

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REPRESENTATIVES.

[Those in *italics* are members of the next Grand Lodge.]

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G. Lodge, John F. Cothran, P. G.....	Mobile.
G. Lodge, <i>John R. Tompkins</i> , P. G. M.....	Mobile.
G. Encampment, <i>George H. Sporman</i> , P. G. P.....	Eufaula.

ARKANSAS.

G. Lodge, George W. Hurley, P. G. P.....	Newport.
G. Lodge, <i>Albert Cohen</i> , P. G. M.....	Little Rock.
G. Encampment, Norval W. Cox, P. C. P.....	Little Rock.

BRITISH COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge, James S. Drummond, P. G. M.....	Victoria.
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CALIFORNIA.

G. Lodge, Frank G. Beatty, P. G.....	Grass Valley.
G. Lodge, <i>Colin M. Boyd</i> , P. G. Rep.....	San Francisco.
G. Encampment, Nathan Porter, P. G. Rep .....	Alameda.
G. Encampment, <i>F. P. Dann</i> , G. M.....	San Francisco.

CHILE.

G. Lodge, William J. De Gress, P. G.....	Valparaiso.
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G. Lodge, J. H. Decker, P. D. G. M.....Boulder.  
 G. Lodge, *S. H. Bradley*, P. G. M.....Black Hawk.  
 G. Encampment, *Clarence P. Elder*, P. G. M. and P. G. P...Denver.

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G. Lodge, Stephen Terry, P. G. M.....Hartford.  
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 G. Encampment, David W. Boyd, P. G. P.....Birmingham.  
 G. Encampment, *L. I. Munson*, P. G. P.....Waterbury.

## DAKOTA.

G. Lodge, William Blatt, P. G.....Yankton.

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 G. Encampment, *Wm. H. Cloward*, P. C. P .....Wilmington.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

G. Lodge, John F. Havenner, P. G. Rep.....Washington.  
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 G. Encampment, *John T. Given*, P. G. P.....Washington.

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G. Lodge, Charles C. Kibbee, P. G. M.....Hawkinsville.  
 G. Lodge, *Luther J. Glenn*, P. G. Rep.....Atlanta.  
 G. Encampment, *C. A. Robbe*, P. G. P.....Augusta.

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 G. Lodge, *Erie J. Leech*, P. G. M .....Keokuk.  
 G. Encampment, Charles G. Kretschmer, P. G. M .....Dubuque.  
 G. Encampment, *Herman Block*, P. G. P.....Davenport.

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 G. Lodge, *John M. Price*, P. G. M.....Atchison.  
 G. Encampment, *Luke M. Havens*, P. G. P.....Fort Scott.

## KENTUCKY.

G. Lodge, William W. Morris, P. G. M.....	Louisville.
G. Lodge, <i>John C. Underwood</i> , P. G. M.....	Bowling Green.
G. Encampment, M. S. Dowden, P. G. P. and P. G. M....	Lexington.
G. Encampment, <i>Tal. P. Shaffner</i> , P. G. P.....	Louisville.

## LOUISIANA.

G. Lodge, Silas T. Grisamore, P. G. M.....	Thibodaux.
G. Lodge, <i>John E. Rengstorff</i> , P. G. ....	New Orleans.
G. Encampment, <i>Luther Homes</i> , P. G. M.....	New Orleans.

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G. Lodge, Thomas Robertson, P. G. ....	Barrington, N. Scotia.
G. Lodge, <i>W. W. Stumbles, Jr.</i> , P. D. G. M.....	Charlottetown, P. E. I.

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G. Lodge, <i>Stephen K. Dyer</i> , P. G. M. ....	Portland.
G. Encampment, Warren E. Pressey, P. G. P. ....	Lewiston.
G. Encampment, <i>Joshua Davis</i> , P. G. P. ....	Portland.

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G. Lodge, John M. Jones, P. G. ....	Baltimore.
G. Lodge, <i>Charles H. Rawlings</i> , P. G. Rep. ....	Baltimore.
G. Encampment, Alexander L. Spear, P. G. M. ....	Baltimore.
G. Encampment, <i>Henry F. Garey</i> , P. G. M. ....	Baltimore.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

G. Lodge, Horatio Wellington, P. G. M. ....	Charlestown.
G. Lodge, <i>Horace W. Stickney</i> , P. G. M. ....	South Boston.
G. Encampment, Amos Hill, P. G. P. ....	Stoneham.
G. Encampment, <i>Nathan Taylor</i> , P. G. P. ....	Worcester.

## MICHIGAN.

G. Lodge, George Dean, P. G. M. ....	Detroit.
G. Lodge, <i>John N. Ingersoll</i> , P. G. M. ....	Corunna.
G. Encampment, Fayette S. Day, P. G. P. ....	Allegan.
G. Encampment, <i>O. W. Oviatt</i> , P. G. P. ....	St. Joseph.

## MINNESOTA.

G. Lodge, Walter G. Dye, P. G. Rep. ....	Winona.
G. Lodge, <i>W. C. Williston</i> , P. G. M. ....	Red Wing.
G. Encampment, <i>Monroe Sheire</i> , P. G. P. ....	St. Paul.

## MISSISSIPPI.

G. Lodge, S. C. Cochran, P. G. M. ....	Canton.
G. Lodge, <i>David N. Barrows</i> , P. G. M. ....	Jackson.
G. Encampment, <i>L. K. Barber</i> , P. G. P. ....	Woodville.

## MISSOURI.

G. Lodge, Alf. Bennett, P. G. M. ....	Hannibal.
G. Lodge, William H. Thompson, P. G. M. ....	St. Louis.
G. Encampment, Edward Wilkerson, P. G. P. ....	St. Louis.
G. Encampment, <i>Edwin S. Pike</i> , P. G. P. ....	St. Louis.

## MONTANA.

G. Lodge, *Charles E. Duer*, P. G. M.....Helena.

## NEBRASKA.

G. Lodge, St. John Goodrich, P. G. M.....Omaha.  
 G. Lodge, *Anton Zimmerer*, P. G. M.....Nebraska.  
 G. Encampment, *J. C. Ford*, P. G. P.....Lincoln.

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G. Lodge, W. H. Virden, P. G.....Gold Hill.  
 G. Lodge, *C. W. Jones*, P. D. G. M.....Reno.  
 G. Encampment, *J. C. Smith*, P. G. P.....Virginia.

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G. Lodge, Joseph Kidder, P. G. Rep.....Manchester.  
 G. Lodge, *George A. Cummings*, P. G. M.....Concord.  
 G. Encampment, Almon C. Leavitt, P. G. P.....Laconia.  
 G. Encampment, *Charles F. Hildreth*, P. G. P.....Suncook.

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G. Lodge, James D. Cleaver, P. G. M.....Newark.  
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 G. Encampment, Aaron B. Crane, P. G. Rep.....Newark.  
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 G. Lodge, *John W. Stebbins*, P. G. M.....Rochester.  
 G. Encampment, John H. White, P. G. M.....Albion.  
 G. Encampment, *George Haskins*, P. G. P.....New York City.

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G. Lodge, Seaton Gales, P. G. M.....Raleigh.  
 G. Lodge, *William H. Bagley*, P. G. M.....Raleigh.  
 G. Encampment, Charles M. Busbee, P. G. P.....Raleigh.

## OHIO.

G. Lodge, A. C. Deuel, P. G. M.....Urbana.  
 G. Lodge, *John E. Bell*, P. G. M.....Cincinnati.  
 G. Encampment, James A. Armstrong, P. G. P.....Cincinnati.  
 G. Encampment, *William B. Kennedy*, P. G. P.....Cincinnati.

## ONTARIO.

G. Lodge, James Woodyat, P. G. M.....Brantford.  
 G. Lodge, *William N. Ford*, P. G. M.....St. Mary's.  
 G. Encampment, John Ham Perry, P. G. P.....Whitby.  
 G. Encampment, *John Gibson*, P. G. P.....Stratford.

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G. Lodge, Albert G. Walling, P. G. ....Portland.  
 G. Lodge, *J. F. Backensto*, P. G. P. ....Albany.  
 G. Encampment, *Ezra St. John*, P. G. M....Portland.

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G. Lodge, Samuel F. Gwinner, P. G. M.....	Taylorsville.
G. Lodge, <i>Isaac A. Sheppard</i> , P. G. M.....	Philadelphia.
G. Encampment, Charles N. Hickok, P. G. Rep.....	Bedford.
G. Encampment, <i>M. Richards Muckle</i> , P. G. P.....	Philadelphia.

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G. Lodge, Herbert E. Dodge, P. G. Rep.....	Providence.
G. Lodge, <i>Gilbert F. Robbins</i> , P. G. M.....	Providence.
G. Encampment, William S. Johnson, P. G. P.....	Providence.
G. Encampment, <i>William J. Miller</i> , P. G. Rep.....	Bristol.

## SOUTH CAROLINA.

G. Lodge, <i>Silas Johnstone</i> , P. G.....	Newberry.
G. Encampment, C. Laney Meyer, P. G. M.....	Charleston.

## SWITZERLAND.

G. Lodge,

## TENNESSEE.

G. Lodge, Joseph L. Weakley, P. G. M.....	Nashville.
G. Lodge, <i>George B. Boyles</i> , P. G. M.....	Fayetteville.
G. Encampment, <i>W. A. Barry</i> , P. G. Scribe.....	Nashville.

## TEXAS.

G. Lodge, I. C. Stafford, P. G. M.....	Houston.
G. Lodge, <i>M. D. Herring</i> , P. G. M .....	Waco.
G. Encampment, A. T. McKinney, P. G. M.....	Huntsville.
G. Encampment, <i>J. A. Haynie</i> , P. G. P.....	Waco.

## UTAH.

G. Lodge, Henry Simons, P. G. Sec.....	Salt Lake City.
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## VERMONT.

G. Lodge, Charles Woodhouse, P. G.....	Rutland.
G. Lodge, <i>George H. Bigelow</i> , P. G.....	Burlington.
G. Encampment, <i>Nelson C. Hyde</i> , P. G. M.....	Poultney.

## VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, E. H. Fitzhugh, P. D. G. Sire.....	Richmond.
G. Lodge, <i>James B. Blanks</i> , P. G. M.....	Petersburg.
G. Encampment, <i>Jacob H. Robinson</i> , P. G. P.....	Lynchburg.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

G. Lodge, John H. Rosler, P. G. M.....	Charlestown.
G. Lodge, <i>E. A. Peck</i> , P. G. M.....	Clarksburg.
G. Encampment, Thomas S. Spates P. G. P.....	Clarksburg.

## WISCONSIN.

G. Lodge, Theodore Rodolf, P. G. M.....	La Crosse.
G. Lodge, <i>James V. Jones</i> , P. G. M.....	Oshkosh...
G. Encampment, John H. Vivian, P. G. P.....	Mineral Point.
G. Encampment, <i>R. H. Hotchkiss</i> , P. G. P.....	Plymouth.

## WYOMING.

G. Lodge, Peter Hamma, P. G. M.....	Cheyenne.
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## PAST GRAND Sires.

<i>a</i> THOMAS WILDEY, 1825–1833.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
<i>b</i> JAMES GETTYS, 1833–1835.....	Georgetown, District of Columbia.
<i>c</i> GEORGE KEYSER, 1835–1837.....	Baltimore, Maryland.
<i>d</i> SAMUEL H. PERKINS, 1837–1840.....	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
<i>e</i> ZENAS B. GLAZIER, 1840–1841.....	Wilmington, Delaware.
<i>f</i> JOHN A. KENNEDY, 1841–1843.....	New York city, New York.
<i>g</i> HOWELL HOPKINS, 1843–1845.....	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
THOMAS SHERLOCK, 1845–1847.....	Cincinnati, Ohio.
<i>h</i> HORN R. KNEASS, 1848–1849.....	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
<i>i</i> ROBERT H. GRIFFIN, 1849–1851.....	Savannah, Georgia.
WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1851–1853.....	Washington, District of Columbia.
WILMOT G. DE SAUSSURE, 1853–1855.....	Charleston, South Carolina.
<i>j</i> WILLIAM ELLISON, 1855–1857.....	Boston, Massachusetts.
GEORGE W. RACE, 1857–1858.....	New Orleans, Louisiana.
SAMUEL CRAIGHEAD, 1858–1860.....	Dayton, Ohio.
<i>k</i> ROBERT B. BOYLSTON, 1860–1862.....	Winnsborough, South Carolina.
JAMES B. NICHOLSON, 1862–1864.....	Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.
ISAAC M. VEITCH, 1864–1866.....	St. Louis, Missouri.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1866–1868.....	Yonkers, New York.
EDWARD D. FARNSWORTH, 1868–1870.....	San Francisco, California.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1870–1872.....	Washington, District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1872–1874.....	Leavenworth, Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1874–1876.....	Danville, Kentucky.

<i>a</i> Died October 19, 1861.	<i>f</i> Died June 20, 1873.
<i>b</i> Died August 15, 1844.	<i>g</i> Died June 5, 1858.
<i>c</i> Died September 19, 1837.	<i>h</i> Died December 12, 1861.
<i>d</i> Died May 22, 1874.	<i>i</i> Died December 14, 1855.
<i>e</i> Died November 11, 1858.	<i>j</i> Died August 23, 1877.
	<i>k</i> Died September 5, 1865.

## PAST DEPUTY GRAND Sires.

JOHN WELSH, 1825–1829.....	Maryland.
THOMAS SCOTCHBURN, 1829–1833.....	Maryland.
ROBERT NEILSON, 1833–1835.....	Maryland.
JOHN PEARCE, 1835–1837.....	Pennsylvania.
FREDERICK LEISE, 1837–1840.....	New York.
WILLIAM W. MOORE, 1840–1841.....	District of Columbia.
HORN R. KNEASS, 1841–1843.....	Pennsylvania.
WILLIAM S. STEWART, 1843–1845.....	Missouri.
ALBERT CASE, 1845–1847.....	South Carolina.
NEWELL A. THOMPSON, 1847–1849.....	Massachusetts.
ASHER B. KELLOGG, 1849–1851.....	Michigan.
HERMAN L. PAGE, 1851–1853.....	Wisconsin.
HORACE A. MANCHESTER, 1853–1855.....	Rhode Island.
GEORGE W. RACE, 1855–1857.....	Louisiana.
TIMOTHY G. SENTER, 1857–1858.....	New Hampshire.
EDWARD H. FITZHUGH, 1858–1860.....	Virginia.
MILTON HERNDON, 1860–1862 .....	Indiana.
WILLIAM H. YOUNG, 1862–1864.....	Maryland.
JAMES P. SANDERS, 1864–1866.....	New York.
EDWARD D. FARNSWORTH, 1866–1868.....	Tennessee.
FREDERICK D. STUART, 1868–1870.....	District of Columbia.
CORNELIUS A. LOGAN, 1870–1872.....	Kansas.
MILTON J. DURHAM, 1872–1874.....	Kentucky.
JOHN W. STOKES, 1874–1876.....	Pennsylvania.

## DISTRICT DEPUTY GRAND Sires FOR THE YEAR 1878.

Arizona—J. F. MILLER, P. G. M.....	San Francisco, Cal.
British Columbia—J. S. DRUMMOND, P. G. M.....	Victoria, British Col.
Chile, S'th America—GEORGE S. BROWN, P. G. M..	{ Casilla 252, Valparaiso, Chile, S. A.
Dakota—RALPH R. BRIGGS, P. G.....	Vermillion, Dakota.
Florida—L. M. MERRITT, P. G;.....	Pensacola, Florida.
Great Britain—F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire.....	Elberfeld, Prussia.
Idaho—SAMUEL BECK, P. G.....	Boise City, Idaho.
Indian Territory—ISRAEL W. STONE, P. G.....	Caddo, Indian Territory.
Low. Provinces, B. N. A.—ANDRE CUSHING, P. G.	Saint John, N. Brunswick.
Manitoba—J. RANDOLPH CAMERON, P. G.....	Winnipeg, Manitoba.
Montana—JAMES L DAVIS, P. G.....	Helena, Montana.
New Mexico—JOHN RITTER, P. G.....	Santa Fe, New Mexico.
Netherlands—F. S. OSTHEIM, P. G. Sire.....	Elberfeld, Prussia.
Peru, South America—N. HURWITZ, P. G.....	{ No. 1 Calle Constitucion, Callao, Peru, S. A.
Quebec—JOHN C. BECKET, P. G. M.....	Montreal, Canada.
Sandwich Islands—W. C. PARKE, P. G.....	Honolulu, S. I.
Switzerland, Europe—RUDOLF ASCHMANN, P. G. R.	Berne, Switzerland.
Utah—F. AUERBACH, P. G. M.....	Salt Lake City, Utah.
Washington—H. G. STRUVE, P. G. M.....	Olympia, Wash. Territory.
Wyoming—W. L. KUYKENDALL, P. G. M.....	Cheyenne, Wyoming.

## LIST

*Of Grand Masters, Grand Secretaries, Grand Patriarchs, Grand Scribes, and time and place of meeting of the several Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, as far as the same have been ascertained.*

## ALABAMA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Montgomery, Monday, February 4, 1878.

George H. Sporman, M. W. Grand Master.....Eufaula.

William A. Shields, R. W. Grand Secretary,.....Eufaula.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Eufaula, Tuesday, February 5, 1878.

T. J. Scott, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Montgomery.

Richard E. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 450....Mobile.

## ARKANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Little Rock, Wednesday, October 16, 1878.

John G. Holland, M. W. Grand Master.....Searcy.

Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Little Rock.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Little Rock, Wednesday, October 16, 1878.

S. W. Mallory, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Camden.

Peter Brugman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Little Rock.

## AUSTRALIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Castlemaine, Tuesday, August 20, 1878.  
 William Gane, M. W. Grand Master, 7 Collins street, East,... Melbourne.  
 J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Secretary, 7 Collins street, East,... Melbourne.

The R. W. Grand Encampment of Victoria, will meet at Castlemaine, Tuesday,  
 August 20, 1878.

Frederick Batcheldor, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Melbourne.  
 J. H. B. Curtis, R. W. Grand Scribe, 7 Collins street, East,... Melbourne.

## BRITISH COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Westminster, Monday, February 11,  
 1878.

Richard Roberts, M. W. Grand Master..... Victoria.  
 James D. Robinson, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Victoria.

## CALIFORNIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at San Francisco, Tuesday, May 14, 1878.

F. P. Dann, M. W. Grand Master..... San Francisco.  
 W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Secretary..... San Francisco.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at San Francisco, Monday, May 13,  
 1878.

I. W. Hays, Jr., M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Grass Valley.  
 W. B. Lyon, R. W. Grand Scribe..... San Francisco.

## CHILE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Valparaiso, Monday, July 8, 1878.  
 Henry Von Dessauer, M. W. Grand Master, Casilla 252.. Valparaiso.  
 William J. Cox, R. W. Grand Secretary, Casilla 252..... Valparaiso.

## COLORADO.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Denver, Tuesday, October 15, 1878.

Alonzo Furnald, M. W. Grand Master..... Central City.  
 John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Georgetown.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Denver, Monday, October 14, 1878.

C. D. Cobb,, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Denver.  
 John L. Bell, R. W. Grand Scribe..... Georgetown.

## CONNECTICUT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Norwalk, Wednesday, May 15, 1878.

Wm. Wallace Lee, M. W. Grand Master..... Meriden.  
 F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Secretary, Drawer No. 5..... New Haven.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Haven, Tuesday, October 15,  
 1878.

Charles W. Smith, M. W. Grand Patriarch..... Bridgeport.  
 F. Botsford, R. W. Grand Scribe, Drawer No. 5..... New Haven.

## DAKOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Yankton, Wednesday, October 9, 1878.

William Blatt, M. W. Grand Master..... Yankton.  
 Ralph R. Briggs, R. W. Grand Secretary..... Vermillion.

## DELAWARE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Wilmington, Wednesday, October 9, 1878.

John J. Gallagher, M. W. Grand Master.....Wilmington.  
Isaac W. Hallam, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Wilmington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Wilmington, Tuesday, October 8, 1878.

David Downs, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Wilmington.  
Edwin Hirst, R. W. Grand Scribe, 831 Lombard St.....Wilmington.

## DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Washington, Wednesday, July 24, 1878.

Joseph H. Daniel, M. W. Grand Master.....Washington.  
P. Hall Sweet, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 822...Georgetown.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Washington, semi-annual session, Tuesday, January 15; annual session, Tuesday, July 16, 1878.

Joseph Burroughs, M. W. Grand Patriarch, 513 Seventh  
St., S. East.....Washington.  
Thomas W. Fowler, R. W. Grand Scribe, 907 Fifth St.,  
N. West.....Washington.

## FLORIDA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Tallahassee, Tuesday, April 9, 1878.

Thomas J. Mott, M. W. Grand Master.....Jacksonville.  
Judson W. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Jacksonville.

## GEORGIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Macon, Wednesday, August 14, 1878.

W. S. Gramling, M. W. Grand Master.....Atlanta.  
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Macon.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Macon, Tuesday, August 13, 1878.

Thomas A. Askew, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Savannah.  
John G. Deitz, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Macon.

## GERMANY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of the German Empire will meet biennially. The next session will be held at Dresden, Saxony, on Monday, August 11, 1879.

Chr. Praetorius, M. W. Grand Sire.....Hannover.  
F. Meyendorf, R. W. Grand Secretary.....} 12 Admiral strasse, Berlin, Prussia.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Brandenburg will meet at Berlin, Sunday, July 14, 1878.

Dr. v. Guerard, M. W. Grand Master.....Berlin.  
Paul Juhre, R. W. Grand Secretary, S. W. 128 Old  
Jacob Str.....Berlin.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Hannover will meet at Bremen, Monday, July 15, 1878.

Dr. J. Knoevnagel, M. W. Grand Master.....Hannover.  
Wilhelm Ryssel, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Hannover.

The R. W. District Grand Lodge of Wurttemburg will meet at Stuttgart, Sunday July 7, 1878.

Franz X. Bauer, M. W. Grand Master.....Stuttgart.  
J. A. Schutzmartin, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Constanz.

The R. W. Grand Lodge of Saxony will meet at Dresden, Sunday, July 14, 1878.

Carl Gustav Louis Lesser, M. W. Grand Master.....Dresden.  
Otto Rohrig, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Dresden.

#### ILLINOIS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Springfield, Tuesday, November 19, 1878.  
John Lake, M. W. Grand Master.....Rockford.  
N. C. Nason, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Peoria.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Springfield, Tuesday, November 19, 1878.

Charles W. Heaton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Farmington.  
J. C. Smith, R. W. Grand Scribe, 250 W. Van Buren St..Chicago.

#### INDIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Indianapolis, semi-annual session, Wednesday, May 22; annual session, Wednesday, Nov. 20, 1878.

Wm. R. Myers, M. W. Grand Master.....Anderson.  
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Indianapolis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Indianapolis, semi-annual session, Tuesday, May 21; annual session, Tuesday, November 19, 1878.

W. K. Edwards, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Terre Haute.  
B. F. Foster, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Indianapolis.

#### IOWA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Davenport, Wednesday, October 16, 1878.  
A. J. Morrison, M. W. Grand Master.....Marengo.  
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Burlington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Davenport, Tuesday, October 15, 1878.

Charles W. Taylor, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Keokuk.  
William Garrett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Burlington.

#### KANSAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, October 8, 1878.  
J. Jay Buck, M. W. Grand Master.....Emporia.  
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Leavenworth.

The R. W. Grand Encampment, will meet at Topeka, Tuesday, March 12, 1878.  
S. H. Kelsey, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Atchison.  
Samuel F. Burdett, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Leavenworth.

#### KENTUCKY.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Mt. Sterling, Tuesday, October 22, 1878.  
B. F. Pullen, M. W. Grand Master.....Paris.

William White, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Louisville.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Mt. Sterling, Wednesday, October 23, 1878.

L. O. Cox, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Owenton.  
William White, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Louisville.

## LOUISIANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New Orleans, Tuesday, January, 22, 1878.  
 L. Graham, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 1696.....New Orleans.  
 F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 383...New Orleans.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at New Orleans, Wednesday, February 6, 1878.

Henry Haskell, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 383..New Orleans.  
 F. W. Delesdernier, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 283..New Orleans.

## LOWER PROVINCES OF BRITISH NORTH AMERICA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Pictou, Nova Scotia, Tuesday, August 13, 1878.

Gilbert Murdoch, M. W. Grand Master.....St. John, N. Brunswick.  
 J. C. P. Frazee, R. W. Grand Sec'y, P. O. Box 125.....Halifax, N. Scotia.

## MAINE.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Portland, Tuesday, August 13, 1878.

William E. Hogan, M. W. Grand Master.....Bath.  
 Joshua Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Portland.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Portland, Wednesday, August 14, 1878.

George S. Hall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Bangor.  
 N. G. Cummings, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Portland.

## MARYLAND.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Baltimore, Wednesday, April 17, 1878.

Joshua Lynch, M. W. Grand Master.....Baltimore.  
 John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Baltimore.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Baltimore, Monday, October 21, 1878.

George W. Lee, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Baltimore.  
 John M. Jones, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Baltimore.

## MASSACHUSETTS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Boston, semi-annual session, Thursday, February 7; annual session Thursday, August 1, 1878.

John U. Perkins, M. W. Grand Master.....Chelsea.  
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Boston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Boston, Wednesday, July 31, 1878.  
 Lafayette Marshall, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Rockport.  
 Charles D. Cole, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Boston.

## MICHIGAN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Grand Rapids, Tuesday, February, 19, 1878.

D. Burnham Tracy, M. W. Grand Master.....Detroit.  
 E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lansing.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Grand Rapids, Wednesday, February 13, 1878.

George H. Shearer, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Bay City.  
 E. H. Whitney, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lansing.

## MINNESOTA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Rochester, Tuesday, June 4, 1878.

D. A. Morrison, M. W. Grand Master.....Rochester.  
Sherwood Hough, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Paul.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Rochester, Tuesday, June 4, 1878.

Joseph Lewis, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Saint Paul.  
J. Fletcher Williams, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Saint Paul.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Vicksburg, Tuesday, July 16, 1878.

A. B. Wagner, M. W. Grand Master.....Meridian.  
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Vicksburg.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Vicksburg, Tuesday, July 16, 1878.

C. L. Patton, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Summit.  
James T. McCown, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Vicksburg.

## MISSOURI.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Saint Louis, Tuesday, May 21, 1878.

E. R. Shipley, M. W. Grand Master.....Springfield.  
E. M. Sloan, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Saint Louis.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Saint Louis, Thursday May 23,  
1878.

L. T. Minturn, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Amazonia.  
C. C. Archer, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Saint Louis.

## MONTANA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Helena, Wednesday, January 16, 1878.

L. E. Holmes, M. W. Grand Master.....Helena.  
Joseph A. Hyde, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Deer Lodge.

## NEBRASKA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Lincoln, Tuesday, October 15, 1878.

H. W. Parker, M. W. Grand Master.....Beatrice.  
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Lincoln.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lincoln, Tuesday, October 15, 1878.

E. G. Ryley, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Omaha.  
D. A. Cline, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Lincoln.

## NEVADA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Virginia, Tuesday, June 4, 1878.

E. L. Stern, M. W. Grand Master.....Gold Hill.  
F. V. Drake, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Virginia.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Virginia, Monday, June 3, 1878.

L. L. Crockett, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Reno.  
Wm. H. Hill, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Virginia.

## NEW HAMPSHIRE.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Manchester, Wednesday, October 9, 1878.  
 Henry A. Farrington, M. W. Grand Master.....Manchester.  
 Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Manchester.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Manchester, Tuesday, October 8,  
 1878.  
 John H. Locke, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Portsmouth.  
 Joel Taylor, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Manchester.

## NEW JERSEY.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Trenton, Wednesday, November 20, 1878.  
 James S. Kiger, M. W. Grand Master.....Trenton.  
 Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Secretary.....Trenton.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Trenton, Tuesday November 19,  
 1878.  
 Thomas R. Blackwood, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Camden.  
 Lewis Parker, Jr., R. W. Grand Scribe.....Trenton.

## NEW YORK.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at New York City, Tuesday, August 20, 1878.  
 George W. Dilks, M. W. Grand Master, P. O. Box 838.....New York.  
 Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 838.....New York.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Utica, Tuesday, February 19, 1878.  
 Rich'd L. Raleigh, M. W. Grand Patriarch, P. O. Box 838..New York.  
 Chas. V. Clark, R. W. Grand Scribe, P. O. Box 838.....New York.

## NEW ZEALAND.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Dunedin, Monday, September 16, 1878.  
 Joseph Braithwaite, M. W. Grand Master.....Dunedin.  
 John Boyd, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Dunedin.

## NORTH CAROLINA.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Raleigh, Tuesday, May 14, 1878.  
 A. J. Burton, M. W. Grand Master.....Weldon.  
 J. J. Litchford, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Raleigh.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Raleigh, Tuesday, May 14, 1878.  
 L. B. Pallamountain, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Tarboro.  
 Joseph L. Keen, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wilmington.

## OHIO.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Canton, Tuesday, May 14, 1878.  
 Henry C. Hedges, M. W. Grand Master.....Mansfield.  
 William C. Earl, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Toledo.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Lancaster, Tuesday, May 7, 1878.  
 Jesse W. Porch, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Mansfield.  
 Joseph Dowdall, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Columbus.

## ONTARIO.

- The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Toronto, Wednesday, August 14, 1878.  
 Cl. T. Campbell, M. W. Grand Master.....London.  
 J. B. King, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Drawer 24.....Brantford.



## TEXAS.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Austin, Monday, February 4, 1878.  
 L. F. Delesdernier, M. W. Grand Master.....Houston.  
 Geo. W. Grover, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Galveston.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Austin, Tuesday, February 5,  
 1878.

A. M. Dachman, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Bryan.  
 Geo. W. Grover, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Galveston.

## UTAH.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Salt Lake City, Tuesday, April 16, 1878.  
 J. C. Hemingray, M. W. Grand Master.....Salt Lake City.  
 E. M. Wilson, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Salt Lake City.

## VERMONT.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Montpelier, Wednesday, February, 6,  
 1878.

John N. Gale, M. W. Grand Master.....St. Johnsbury.  
 John R. Burton, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Bennington.

The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Montpelier, Tuesday, February 5,  
 1878.

Samuel Bigwood, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Winooski.  
 D. P. Celley, R. W. Grand Scribe.....St. Johnsbury.

## VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Richmond, Tuesday, April 9, 1878.  
 C. P. Benson, M. W. Grand Master.....Charlottesville.  
 T. Wiley Davis, R. W. Grand Secretary, P. O. Box 50...Richmond.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Richmond, Thursday, April 11, 1878.  
 James H. Waters, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Staunton.  
 Hugh Latham, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Alexandria.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Grafton, Tuesday, October 22, 1878.  
 George L. Hensel, M. W. Grand Master.....Martinsburg.  
 Thomas G. Steele, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Grafton.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Grafton, Thursday, October 24,  
 1878.  
 George A. Drennan, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Parkersburg.  
 H. A. Uthman, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Wheeling.

## WISCONSIN.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Milwaukee, Wednesday, December 5, 1877.  
 James W. Ostrander, M. W. Grand Master.....Jefferson.  
 L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Madison.  
 The R. W. Grand Encampment will meet at Milwaukee, Tuesday, December 4,  
 1877.  
 Theodore B. Elliott, M. W. Grand Patriarch.....Milwaukee.  
 L. B. Hills, R. W. Grand Scribe.....Madison.

## WYOMING.

The R. W. Grand Lodge will meet at Rawlins, Tuesday, October 15, 1878.  
 H. Garbanati, M. W. Grand Master.....Evanston.  
 H. Altman, R. W. Grand Secretary.....Cheyenne.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

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PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1876, AND REFERRED TO THE CONSIDERATION OF SEPTEMBER SESSION, OF 1878, JOURNAL OF 1877, PAGES 7353, 7354.

Amend Article XII, of the Constitution of this R. W. Grand Lodge, so as to read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet *biennially* on the third Monday of September, at nine o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof has been given as above stated.—(Page 7005.)

Amend Article XII, of the Constitution of the R. W. Grand Lodge, by striking out the word "annually," and inserting "biennially," so that the Article shall read as follows:

This Grand Lodge shall meet biennially on the third Monday in September, at 9 o'clock A. M., at such place as the Grand Lodge shall from time to time determine. It may also meet on its own adjournments. It may also meet specially on the call of the Grand Sire, of which the Grand Sire shall cause three months' notice to be given to the Representatives of the several State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, communicating to them the purpose for which the special meeting is called; and in no case shall any business be transacted at a special meeting unless notice thereof be given as above stated.—(Page 7056.)

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PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1877.

Amend Article IX, Section 1, so as to read as follows:

Article IX. Section 1. Grand Representatives shall be chosen by the several State, District and Territorial Grand Lodges and Grand Encampments for the term of two years; and if vacancies occur by death, resignation or otherwise, during the recess of the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment of any State, District or Territory, such vacancy shall be filled in the manner pointed out by the Constitution of such State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment.

Amend Article XIII, Section 4, so as to read as follows:

Article XIII. Section 4. A journal of its proceedings shall be kept, and published biennially, except such proceedings as are had in secret sessions.

Amend Article XIV, Sections 2 and 3, so as to read as follows:

Article XIV. Section 2. Dues from State, District or Territorial Grand Lodges and Encampments, fifty dollars per annum for each vote they shall be entitled to in this Grand Lodge.

Section 3. Dues from Subordinate Lodges and Encampments working under the immediate jurisdiction of this Grand Lodge, five per cent. on their receipts.

Amend Article XXI, so as to read as follows:

Article XXI. This Constitution shall not be altered or amended except by a proposition therefor, made in writing at a regular communication, by one or more representatives from three different States, which shall be entered on the Journal, and lie over until the next regular session, when it may be considered; and if agreed to by a vote of three-fourths of the members present, on a call of the yeas and nays, such proposed alterations or amendments shall become part of this Constitution.—(Page 7356)

Amend Article XVII, so as to read as follows :

Article XVII. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive a compensation for their services as may be voted by this Grand Lodge, not exceeding five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and mileage not exceeding eight cents per mile for each mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge, provided that no compensation shall be allowed (except per diem) to any officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.—(Page 7410.)

Amend the second section of Article IX of the Constitution so that it shall read as follows :

Section 2. Every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction one thousand or less members, in good standing, shall be entitled to one vote in the Grand Lodge; every State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, having under its jurisdiction over one thousand members, in good standing, shall be entitled to two votes. But no State, District or Territorial Grand Lodge, or Grand Encampment, shall have more than one Grand Representative; provided, however, that every Grand Lodge and Grand Encampment shall be entitled to as many Grand Representatives as it may have votes, on assuming the payment of the mileage and per diem of the additional Grand Representative.—(Page 7426.)

Amend Article I by striking out Section 1 and insert as follows :

“ Section 1. This Lodge shall be known by the name, style and title of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Odd Fellows.

Amend Section 4 of Article XVI by striking out all after the words “Grand Lodge” in the seventh line of said section, and insert as follows : “ That the necessities of a State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction require it, a resolution may be passed by a vote of three fourths of the representatives present at any meeting, granting to the particular State, District or Territorial Grand Jurisdiction applying therefor the right to readmit to membership within its jurisdiction, upon such conditions as this Grand Lodge may prescribe, suspended members of the Order residing in the same, who may have been suspended for non-payment of dues, and who have not been under suspension for less than three years; and also the right to admit members of defunct Lodges not able to get a card, it being distinctly understood that so soon as the necessity requiring it shall have passed away this privilege shall be yielded up by the jurisdiction receiving it.”

Amend Article XVII by striking out all after the words “Grand Lodge.”—(Page 7455.)

*Resolved*, That Section 5, Article I, Constitution of this Grand Lodge, be amended by inserting in the last line between the words “members” and “of” the word “present,” so that the section shall read :

To this Grand Lodge belongs the power to regulate and control the unwritten work of the Order, and to fix and determine the customs and usages in regard to all things which appertain thereto. And to it alone belongs the power to provide and establish suitable lectures and other written work therefor. But the unwritten work of the Order shall in no wise be altered or amended, except by a unanimous vote of this Grand Lodge; nor shall the written work of the Order be in any wise altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the members *present* of this Grand Lodge.—(Page 7511.)

Additional article, as follows :

*Resolved*, That all appointed officers of any Subordinate Lodge shall be in possession of the Scarlet Degree, except the Chaplain and Scene Supporters.—(Page 7511.)

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS.

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PROPOSED AT SEPTEMBER SESSION, 1877, AND REFERRED TO THE CONSIDERATION  
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Additional article, as follows :

Article. —. The Officers and Grand Representatives (except such officers as receive stated salaries) attending any session of this Grand Lodge, shall be entitled to receive, out of the treasury of this Grand Lodge, five dollars per day for each day of the session at which they may be present, and eight cents per mile of actual and necessary travel by the shortest traveled route from their residences to the place of meeting of this Grand Lodge ; provided, that no mileage shall be allowed to any Officer or Grand Representative who comes from a jurisdiction beyond the limits of the North American Continent.—(Page 7411.)

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STANDING RESOLUTIONS.

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1. *Resolved*, That a special committee of three be appointed, who shall draw for the seats to be occupied by the respective Representatives of the jurisdictions subordinate to this R. W. Grand Lodge during the present session, after the manner heretofore adopted and pursued.

2. *Resolved*, That the time for the sessions of this Grand Lodge will be to meet at nine o'clock A. M., and adjourn at two o'clock P. M.

3. *Resolved*, That the members of the Order who have attained the proper rank may be admitted within the Lodge during its deliberations, when vouched for and introduced to the Guardian by the Representatives respectively from the State jurisdictions to which the visitors may be attached, and no Representative is authorized to vouch for any visitor unless he is in good standing in his Lodge and Encampment, is a Past Grand, and in possession of the Royal Purple Degree, and by being a Past Grand is meant having the Grand Lodge Degree.

4. *Resolved*, That the Book of Diagrams and Secret Work be placed in the hands of the R. W. Deputy Grand Sire, for the use and benefit of the Representatives.

5. *Resolved*, That at future sessions greater facilities be afforded Representatives for consulting the secret work.

6. *Resolved*, That the R. W. Grand Secretary cause to be printed fifteen copies of the Daily Journal for the use of the Grand Representatives at the present session ; and that ten copies of the Revised Journal be printed and furnished each member, after the adjournment, for distribution

7. *Resolved*, That hereafter no vote shall be taken on any motion or resolution required to be submitted in writing, until the same has been read in full from the desk of the Grand Secretary.

8. *Resolved*, That Grand Lodges, Grand Encampments, and all Subordinate Lodges and Encampments subordinate to the R. W. Grand Lodge of the United

States, in submitting their constitutions, or amendments thereof, to this Grand Body for approval, shall be required, first, to furnish the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary a complete copy of their constitutions, with all amendments thereto, accompanied with a certificate from the Grand Lodge or Grand Encampment, or Subordinate Lodge or Encampment (when such Lodge or Encampment may be under the immediate jurisdiction of the Grand Lodge of the United States), attested by the Secretary, and the seal of the Grand Body or Subordinate attached.

9. *Resolved*, That hereafter all laws sent to this Grand Lodge for approval shall bear the seal of the body adopting them, and all documents without a seal (where the body has one) shall be returned without consideration.

10. *Resolved*, That hereafter no appeal will be considered by this Grand Body at any session thereof, unless the papers in such an appeal shall be placed in the hands of the Grand Secretary on or before the first day of the session.

11. *Resolved*, That as under the organic construction of the Order, this Grand Lodge possesses only such means as will enable it to exist with financial credit to itself, it is inexpedient and improper to make *donations* of any character, books, supplies, money, etc., not immediately appertaining to it and its necessities; furthermore, be it resolved, that the foregoing resolution be considered as a standing rule, that shall not be altered or repealed except by a *two-third* vote of this Grand Lodge.

12. *Resolved*, That the printer of the Daily Journal be interdicted by the proper officers of the Grand Lodge from permitting any person to have access to the manuscripts or matter entrusted to his care; that he is to regard the matter as *private*, and no one should be allowed to copy or make extracts therefrom, but every copy printed should be placed in the hands of the officers of the Grand Lodge.

13. *Resolved*, That when an amendment to the Constitution and By-Laws of this body is proposed, the section proposed to be amended shall be set forth at length in the resolution proposing the amendment as it would read should the proposed amendment be adopted.

14. *Resolved*, That a sub-committee of the Finance Committee, consisting of not less than two of the members residing nearest the city of Baltimore, be appointed to examine the books and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; such examination to be made within one week prior to the commencement of each annual session.

15. *Resolved*, That to this end it is suggested that the M. W. Grand Sire appoint the Finance Committee, or so many of its members as may be consistent, prior to the close of the annual session, instead of the commencement of the same, as has been the prevailing custom.



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No. 10. <i>Order in Europe.</i>	
On the History of the Introduction of the Order in Europe	
The committee report that from what they learned, they are of the opinion that the information contained in the Journals of this R. W. Grand Body, is not as complete as the subject and the circumstances demand, and ask further time to collate the facts.	
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No. 11. <i>Patriarchal Regalia or Costume to be worn on public occasions.</i>	
The committee report, that they are unable to submit anything definite at present, and ask further time to mature their views.	
Report by Rep. Dowden, of Kentucky, chairman.....	7418
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No. 12. <i>Probable cost of altering seal, stereotyped plates, legislation, etc., in the event of a "change of name" of this R. W. Grand Lodge.</i>	
The committee report in detail, concluding with an estimate that the cost will not exceed the following sums:	
To change seals .....	\$27 00
Digests .....	21 00
Books, etc.....	40 00
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	\$88 00
Report by Rep. Perry, of Ontario, chairman.....	7406
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No. 13. <i>Processions, forms to regulate.</i>	
The committee on the subject submit amended forms for processions, with funeral service, with the accompanying resolutions:	
<i>Resolved</i> , That the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary be and he is hereby requested to compile and publish (under the supervision of the Committee on Printing Supplies,) in one volume,	

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18mo., with proper title, the amended Forms for Public and Funeral Processions, Dedicating Halls, and Laying Corner Stones, and the Funeral Service, as hereby approved and adopted, together with such other forms or parts of forms not inconsistent therewith, as may have been prescribed by this R. W. Grand Lodge, and in such number and style as in the judgment of the R. W. Grand Secretary may be deemed requisite and expedient, and he is hereby authorized to draw on the Grand Treasurer for the sum necessary to defray the cost of the same.

*Resolved*, That the volume shall be disposed of by the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary at the rate of 75 cents per copy to jurisdictions, and \$1 per copy to Encampments and Lodges, in the usual form, after previous notice by the Grand Secretary of his readiness to furnish them.

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No. 14. *Representation and Taxation.*

The committee examine the subject elaborately and report the following resolutions:

1. *Resolved*, That it is not expedient or necessary to amend Article XIV of the Constitution.

2. *Resolved*, That the object contemplated by the Finance Committee of 1876, namely: the preservation of our finances upon a sound basis, can be best attained by an economical administration of the present revenues of the Grand Lodge of the United States.

3. *Resolved*, That a special committee of five shall be appointed, whose duty it shall be to propose some method by which the expenses connected with the Journal and official reports of the sessions of this body shall be reduced.

4. *Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Lodge the maximum of the per diem to be allowed Grand Representatives should not exceed five dollars, and that their mileage should not exceed (counting one way.) eight cents per mile.

5. *Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Lodge that a donation of the bound Revised Journals, Digests, and Books of Forms to Grand Representatives who have not received them, as provided for by a standing resolution of this body, is impolitic and expensive, and should not be continued, and that the said resolution is hereby repealed.

6. *Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge is of the opinion that its basis of representation, namely: One representative to each Grand Lodge and Encampment, and where the members of such Grand Body exceed one thousand, then two representatives for such body, having been fixed in our infancy, should, in view of the vast increase of membership, be altered to suit the present condition of the Order; and a time shall be fixed at this session when propositions to that effect shall be considered in the committee of the whole, and reported to this Grand Lodge, as proposed amendments to Article IX of its constitution.

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No. 15. *Street Dress for Subordinate Lodges.*

The committee submitted the following for adoption:

1. The style of hat or cap and dress shall be left to the jurisdiction of the individual Subordinate Lodges, provided that in each case strict uniformity shall be enjoined and observed.

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2. Plain white gloves only shall be worn.

3. A jewel collar two and one-half inches wide (no more nor less) at the widest part, uniting in a point in front, in accordance with pattern herewith presented, made of very light blue silk, Italian cloth, or other material (excepting velvet, which shall not be used) of the shade known as silver blue, edged with silver lace or braid, one-fourth of an inch wide, and without embroidery or other ornamentation of any kind whatever.

4. A medal, to be suspended from the collar, of white metal, one and three fourths inches in diameter, having on the obverse side, in raised work, the All-seeing Eye, encircled by rays of light; and on the reverse, also in raised work, the three links of the Order, surrounded by the legend, "FRIENDSHIP, LOVE AND TRUTH."

Brothers belonging to the Patriarchal branch may wear a medal of the same device, in yellow metal, and officers and past officers may wear, instead thereof, or in addition thereto, such jewel or jewels of the Order as they may be entitled to wear elsewhere, in conformity with the existing regulations.

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No. 16. *Translating the Ritual into French, Bohemian, and other languages.*

The committee report the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That there be a new translation of the ritual into the French language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to the next session of this Grand Lodge.

*Resolved*, That there be a translation of the ritual into the Bohemian language, the work to be done under the authority and superintendence of the Grand Corresponding and Recording Secretary; provided, that the same be done without expense to this Grand Lodge, such translation to be reported to this Grand Lodge at its next session.

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## APPEAL COMMITTEE, No. 1.

No. 1. In the matter of appeal of St. Lawrence Lodge, No. 2, Province of Quebec, from the decision of Bro. G. Varey, D. D. G. Sire, that a Subordinate Lodge cannot fine the Junior P. G., as an officer, for absence from his proper station at the time of opening. This appeal was made to the M. W. G. Sire from one of his D. D. G. Sires, and by him referred to the Grand Lodge. The simple question involved is whether the Junior P. G. of a Lodge is an officer of the Lodge; if so, he is finable. The committee hold that the officers of a Lodge are the N. G., V. G., Secretary, Permanent Secretary, Treasurer, Chaplain, Warden, Conductor, O. G., I. G., R. and L. S's of N. G., R. S. S., L. S. S., R. and L. S's of V. G.

All of these officers of a Lodge may be fined, except the Chaplain, for absence from a meeting of a Lodge. The Junior P. G. is not an officer of the Lodge; he, therefore, is not finable for absence from the Lodge.

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The committee also hold that so much of the By-Laws of St. Lawrence Lodge, as is in conflict with this decision, is null and void.

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- No. 2. In this case, the appeal was by John M. Hahn and Henry Wagner, P. G's, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York. They were each fined by Allemania Lodge, No. 186, for failing to attend a funeral when they were absent from the city.

The committee dismiss the appeal from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York, which Grand Body approved the decision of Allemania Lodge, No. 186, in conformity with its By-Law, which had been approved by the Grand Lodge of the State, and did not conflict with any law or decision of the G. L. of the U. S.

- Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....7376  
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- No. 3. On the appeal of Geo. A. Callahan, P. G. Rep. from the Grand Lodge of Maine. The question involved in this appeal, is whether the Proclamation of the G. Sire, is sufficient authority for subordinates to appear in public in regalia, upon the Anniversary of the Order.

The committee declare that Subordinate Lodges are prohibited from appearing in regalia in public, (except funerals) unless permission be obtained from their Grand Lodge or Grand Master; they recommend, however, that the appeal be dismissed and that all Grand Lodges do authorize their Subordinate Lodges to observe the Anniversary of the Order by public processions in Regalia, or in any other appropriate manner.

- Report by Rep. Morris, of Kentucky, chairman.....7376  
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- No. 4. In the matter of appeal of August Prehm, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut. In this case the charge was preferred in Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, against Bro. Prehm, for obtaining the benefits of the Lodge fraudulently, "while able to attend his usual avocation." Humboldt Lodge found the Brother guilty, from which decision he appealed, and the Grand Lodge of the State affirmed the decision. The appeal is now to the Grand Lodge of the United States, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

The committee reversed the decision of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut on the facts, and require said Grand Lodge to direct Humboldt Lodge, No. 91, of that jurisdiction, to reinstate the appellant to full membership in said Lodge.

- Report by Rep. Price, of Kansas.....7377  
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- No. 5. On the appeal of Edgar Whitlock, P. G., of the jurisdiction of New York, against the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York. The questions raised by this appeal, embrace the organization of District Grand Committees and the conferring of the "Past Official Degrees." The Constitution of the Grand Lodge of New York authorizes the organization of District Grand Committees, composed of all the P. G.'s of the district who have received the Past Official Degrees, presided over by the D. D. Grand Masters. In such body the D. D. Grand Master confers the Past Official Degrees upon certificates of qualification therefor. The immediate questions raised are:—

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1st. Has the D. D. Grand Master the right to demand the P. W. of the P. N. G. Degree as a means of admission to the District Committee meeting?	
2d. Has he a right also to the P. W. and explanation of the current term, while there is no affirmative law on the subject?	
The committee decide the points raised in the affirmative, and dismiss the appeal.	
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No. 6. Appeal of John Medole, P. G. R., from the action of the Grand Lodge of New York, in conferring the Grand Lodge Degree at other time and place than at the hall where its sessions are held.	
The committee declare the action of the Grand Lodge of New York to be in conflict with the laws of the Grand Lodge of the United States. Appeal affirmed.	
Report by Rep. Heisey, of Iowa.....	7398
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No. 7. Appeal of John A. Thompson, P. G. M., William Kirk, P. G. M., John H. Hahn, Jr., P. G., and W. M. Isaacs, P. G., members of the R. W. Grand Lodge of Maryland, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Maryland. The facts in this case are as follows:	
In the year 1831, Robert Niles, a member of Columbia Lodge, No. 3, and son of Hezekiah Niles, died. In accordance with the By-Laws of said Lodge, the sum of thirty dollars was allowed for funeral expenses. Mr. Niles, the father of deceased, received the money, but returned the same to the Lodge, with the suggestion that it might be appropriated in two or more modes, one of which related to education. The suggestion made, ultimated in the application of the money by the Lodge as a nucleus for a permanent school fund. At the same time, the Lodge adopted a By-Law taxing each member twelve and a half cents a quarter, to be placed to the credit of said school fund, for the education of the orphans of the Lodge; also, another By-Law setting apart all fines to the credit of this school fund, and certain other moneys named by said Lodge. This amount has increased until it now exceeds \$5,000. Meanwhile, the several Lodges in Baltimore united in creating a general school fund, of which union Columbia Lodge, No. 3, became a member and contributor to the fund, thus rendering any special educational fund unnecessary by any single Lodge. The question under this state of facts is, can Columbia Lodge apply its school fund to any other object, having an abundant educational provision in the general educational fund? If not, then this \$5,000 must remain unused for any purpose, if power does not exist somewhere to determine that the original purpose of its creation has been accomplished. The Grand Lodge of Maryland, at its late session, upon appeal, in effect decided that the object of the fund was accomplished. The appeal is from this decision, upon the ground that the school fund of Columbia Lodge is a <i>special</i> trust, and cannot be diverted. In support of this position, Journal, pp. 4875, 4876, 5161, is appealed to.	
The committee decide that the cases cited from the Journal are by no means analogous, and dismiss the appeal.	
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No. 8. Appeal of Bro. Henry Ash, P. G., of States Rights Lodge, No. 46, New York, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of New York in the case of Stephen A. Douglas Lodge, No. 357, vs. District Grand Committee, No. 12. The facts thus appear: Bro. Myer Alexander, a member of Lodge, No 357, of New York, was expelled by the Lodge. He appealed to District Grand Committee, No. 12. The Lodge denied his right of appeal, because, as it alleges, notice of the appeal was not received by it within two weeks after information had been received by said Alexander of his expulsion by the decision of the trial committee, as is provided by the Constitution of Subordinates. District Grand Committee, No. 12, then met, when the Lodge and Alexander were both present. The District Grand Committee overruled the demurrer by the Lodge upon a hearing of parties of the special issue, as to time, but without entering upon the merits of the case, reversed the decision of the Lodge and ordered the restoration of Alexander to membership. The Lodge appealed to the Grand Lodge from this decision. There were other issues, but the chief point decided was that of the timely appeal to the District Committee, No. 12. The Grand Lodge ordered the case back to the District Grand Committee to be tried on its merits. The case was there tried on its merits, and decided in favor of Alexander. The Lodge again appealed, not because the decision on its merits was the ground of complaint, but on the former ground of want of proper time in the appeal. This appeal the Grand Lodge decided in favor of the Lodge.

The committee set aside this decision, and sustained the appeal of Bro. Henry Ash, P. G., for reasons which appear in the report.

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No. 9. Appeal of H. H. Lowenthal, on behalf of Hannah Cohen vs. Grand Lodge of New York.

The facts appear as follows: The By-Laws of New York Lodge, No. 10, provide, that "on the death of any brother who is not disqualified by Article VIII of their By-Laws, (viz: not in arrears) the sum of two hundred dollars shall be allowed as a funeral benefit, which shall be disposed of as provided by Article IV, Section 5 of the Constitution." The Constitution referred to, Article IV, Section 5, provides, that "in case of the death of a member, (qualified as provided by the By-Laws) there shall be allowed from the Lodge, not less than fifteen dollars to *defray the expense of burial, to be paid by the N. G. on account of the funeral.*" Charles Cohen, a member of New York Lodge, No. 10 in good standing, died, and Hannah Cohen, widow of the deceased, claimed the two hundred dollars provided in the By-Laws and Constitution referred to, as a "funeral benefit." New York Lodge refused to pay this amount directly to the widow; the Grand Master and Grand Lodge approve the act of the Lodge. The question is, to whom must the funeral benefit be paid, under the laws of New York Lodge, No. 10.

The committee recognize a clear distinction between "Funeral Expenses" and "Funeral Benefits," and hold that the right of property to funeral benefits is in the family of a deceased brother, and the amount in question should be disposed of as provided in the By-Law and Constitution referred to.

Appeal dismissed, and Grand Lodge of New York sustained.

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No. 1. Appeal of John E. Fawkner vs. Centre Lodge, No. 18, and the Grand Lodge of Indiana. The facts of the case are as follows: The appellant is uncle and guardian of a girl, who is a deaf mute. She was an inmate of a deaf and dumb institution, and in February, 1875, proved to be pregnant, and had produced upon herself an abortion. Two physicians pronounced her position critical, and that she would not probably live; whereupon the superintendent of the institution went to her, and in the presence of the physicians stated to her that "she was in a very critical condition, and that the physicians said she would probably die." The record in the case does not disclose whether she made any reply, or whether she thought herself " <i>in extremis</i> " or not. She was then asked by the superintendent who seduced her. She answered that it was her uncle, stating the time. She was then asked who had given the medicine to destroy the child, and she made the same answer. The questions were asked and answered by signs. It was also in evidence that the uncle came to the institution in the month of October before, to take her away to get a pair of shoes. She did not want to go, but the superintendent advised her to do so, and on the same day she went, in company with a lady, and returned the next day. She slept that night at the house of the uncle, who is a married man and a house-keeper. On the 6th of February following he came to see her, in answer to a letter from her. The witnesses differ as to the length of the visit. The meeting took place in the reception room of the institution. On this occasion the uncle brought his said niece something done up in a bundle. The uncle and girl both say it was a hat which the wife of the uncle had sent her. This is all the evidence connecting the uncle with the case. There was testimony as to the character of the uncle for and against, but the preponderance in his favor. Upon this showing the Lodge expelled him, and, upon appeal, the Grand Lodge of Indiana affirmed the decision.	
The committee hold that there is no legal evidence of guilt against the uncle, and reverse the decision. They sustain the appeal.	
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No. 2. On the appeal of A. Orendorff, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois.	
A brother during a regular Lodge meeting and during the pendency of a trial, in which he was a material witness, informally, without consent, and against the protest of one of the presiding officers, left the Lodge room. For this act, he was charged with "misconduct," and <i>pleaded guilty</i> . The Grand Master on appeal to him set aside the plea, and directed the Lodge to find him <i>not guilty</i> . The Grand Lodge sustained the Grand Master, and this appeal is from that action.	
The committee held: "as the accused pleaded <i>guilty</i> of unbecoming conduct, it was the duty of the Lodge to pass sentence, and as the punishment was not excessive, the same should not have been interfered with by the Grand Master."	

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Appeal sustained.	
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No. 3. In the matter of appeal of Robert Pye, P. G., from the action of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky. The case involves the construction of a local law. The Constitution of Subordinate Lodges in Kentucky, Law 10, Section 2, provides, that "any member who may be in arrears, to the amount of twenty-six weeks dues, for dues and fines shall be excluded from all pecuniary benefits, from this Lodge, in case of sickness or otherwise, for thirty days after <i>all</i> arrearages are paid. And should he be taken sick, before the thirty days expire, he shall be debarred from <i>all</i> pecuniary benefits, during such sickness." The brother, John B. Gates, whose case is the subject of the controversy, was, on 24th July, 1875, in arrears more than twenty-six weeks. On said 24th July, he paid ten dollars on account, leaving twenty-five cents dues, still unpaid. If he had paid \$10.25, <i>all</i> he owed on the 24th July, and had been taken sick, after the expiration of thirty days, the committee hold, that he was entitled to benefits, but he did not pay <i>all</i> of his arrearages.	
There is a conflict of testimony also on the facts, and there are also several other questions discussed in the case, but as the point above set forth is decisive of the case, the committee affirm the decision of the Grand Lodge of Kentucky.	
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No. 4. Appeal of J. T. Brown and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The question involved, was whether a party presenting a certificate as a Representative of his Lodge, was eligible as such, not being a P. G. It was conceded that he was still N. G. after his election as Representative; it was also clear that he could not have served a full term as N. G. He was not, therefore, a P. G., and not eligible as Representative to the Grand Lodge. Journal, pp. 6211, 6263. The Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, under this evidence, decided that he could not be admitted as Representative; from this decision the Grand Lodge dissented, and ordered the Past Official Degrees to be conferred upon the brother; he was then admitted as a Representative. From this action, this appeal was taken.	
The committee reverse this decision, and sustain the decision of the M. W. Grand Master—that he was not a Past Grand, and accordingly ineligible as a Representative.	
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No. 5. Edwin Rounds vs. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. The only question involved in this appeal, is the proper construction of Art. III, Sec. 2, of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island, in connection with Art. III, Sec. 1, of the By-Laws of Crescent Lodge, No 24, of the same jurisdiction. The appellant was an initiatory of said Lodge, without degrees, and claimed sick benefits. Art. III, Sec. 2, of the Constitution above cited, provides, that "every member * * * shall be entitled to receive such weekly benefits from the funds of the Lodge, as may be fixed by the By-Laws." The By-Laws of the Lodge provide that "every brother * * * rendered incapable by sickness * * * shall be entitled to receive from the funds of the Lodge * * * if he has taken the first degree, one dollar;	

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second, two dollars," &c, making no provision whatever for members who had taken no degrees.	
The committee upon this showing of the law, dismiss the appeal and affirm the decision of the Grand Lodge.	
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No. 6. On the appeal of Benjamin F. Reynolds, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Rhode Island. The appellant in this case was arraigned before his Lodge, charged with unbecoming conduct, in calling the N. G. of Unity Lodge, No. 2, of that jurisdiction, a liar, accompanied with profane language. The committee to which the charges were referred reported that they were sustained, and recommended the expulsion of the brother, which was concurred in by a large majority of the Lodge. On appeal to the D. D. Grand Master, he sustained the action of the Lodge, and on further appeal to the Grand Lodge of the State, it sustained the D. D. Grand Master.	
The committee say that, in view of the uniform judgment, that where a Lodge acts upon matters of fact only, and such action is sustained by its Grand Lodge, they are indisposed to disturb such judgment. Grand Lodge of Rhode Island sustained, and appeal dismissed.	
Report by Rep. Ticknor, of Illinois.....	7364
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No. 7. On the decision of the M. W. Grand Sire, reported to session of 1876, sustaining the Grand Master of Tennessee, "that he has no right to suspend the action of this Grand Lodge, reversing the action of a Subordinate Lodge and sending a case back for future trial," page 6752, Journal.	
The committee affirm the decision.	
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No. 8. In the matter of complaint of Dr. Hausleutner, a member of Germania Lodge, No. 1, Berlin, Prussia, Europe, against the action of Eclipse Lodge, No. 444, Chicago, Illinois, on the complaint against Bro. Bienewiss, a member of said Lodge.	
The committee ask to be discharged from the consideration of the subject, on account of the informality of the manner of its presentation, and on the further ground that the complaint should have been made to the Grand Master or Grand Lodge of Illinois.	
Report by Rep. Cochran, of Mississippi.....	7366
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No. 9. In the matter of appeal of William Garrett, from the decision of the Grand Lodge of Iowa, approving the decision of the Grand Master, in answer to the following question :	
<i>Question.</i> —A member takes a visiting card for six months, paying up his dues for that time; before the expiration of the term, the yearly dues are increased. Must the member pay the increased dues? To this the Grand Master answered that "the brother is not liable for the increased dues until after the expiration of the card."	
The committee hold that "when a By-law is amended, increasing the amount to be paid for dues, it affects every member of the Lodge. A brother has no exemption from his obligations to the laws by reason of having received a visiting card." Appeal sustained.	
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No. 10. Appeal of E. G. Budd, et. als., against the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The facts appear as follows:

The Grand Master of the State decided that if a member of a Lodge dies, who was not also an Encampment member, the Encampment members should not appear in their regalia. The decision was, by the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, admitted to be correct in the abstract, but it was held to be a question for the Encampment branch, with which a State Grand Lodge had no jurisdiction. The Grand Lodge of the State approved this decision, and from that decision the appeal is made, on the ground, as claimed by the appellant, that it is the established right of a brother to wear the regalia of the highest rank to which he may have attained.

The committee rule that the right to wear the regalia of the highest rank does not apply to the case under consideration. A Lodge member dying is buried by his Lodge. Each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. The Encampment branch is a separate organization, and is not known at all in a Lodge.

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No. 11. On the appeal of G. W. L. Crook and others, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. There is but one point in the case. The law of the G. L. of the U. S on the subject, requires a Subordinate Lodge in certain cases, to grant a dismissal certificate on application therefor and payment for the same. The Grand Master decided that in other cases the certificate might be applied for, and the Lodge could exercise its discretion in granting or refusing it. This decision, on the recommendation of the Judiciary Committee of the Grand Lodge of Tennessee, was reversed, and the appeal is from this decision.

The committee dismiss the appeal, upon the ground that the law authorizing dismissal certificates was intended to cover all allowable cases, and there is no authority to grant them, except as provided by this law.

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No. 12. Appeal of Daniel Schloss from the Grand Lodge of Tennessee. The question in the case is, simply, whether 'the action of a Subordinate Lodge, pending an appeal from its decision, must be carried out?' The action of the Lodge was as follows: A resolution was presented by a member to pay benefits, which the N. G. ruled to be out of order, which decision was reversed upon appeal to the Lodge; from which the appeal was taken to the Grand Lodge of Tennessee; meanwhile, the question arose as to the power of the N. G. to carry out the decision of the Lodge, notwithstanding the appeal. The Grand Master and Grand Lodge decided that the Noble Grand could not, and from that decision the appeal is taken.

The committee rule, that where State Grand Bodies have made no provision for a stay of proceedings in case of an appeal, the action of the Lodge must be carried out. Journal of 1873, pp. 5803, 5804, 5945, 5953. It not appearing that the Grand Lodge of Tennessee had made any provision for such stay, the committee recommend that the appeal be sustained.

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No. 13. On the appeal of John F. C. Hollings, from the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan, in the case of Josiah H. Hatch, of Michigan Lodge, No. 1. The points in the case are as follows: Bro. Josiah H. Hatch, a member of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, after due trial was expelled from the Lodge. An appeal was taken from the action of the Lodge, charging informality in the conduct of the trial. In the Grand Lodge of Michigan, upon the hearing of the appeal, the committee to which it was referred, reported, that they had examined the case, and found all the proceedings, papers, evidence and arguments on both sides, regular and in accordance with law, and recommended, that the appeal be dismissed. This report was not adopted, but, in lieu thereof, a resolution was adopted reversing the action of Michigan Lodge, No. 1, and re-instating Josiah H. Hatch in said Lodge. From this action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan this appeal is taken. The general laws of Michigan, Article II, Section III, Clause 6, provide as follows: "Any brother feeling aggrieved by a decision of the Lodge against him, is entitled to an appeal to the Grand Lodge for a new trial, if informality or want of fairness be shown on the former trial, and on the command of the Grand Lodge, the brother may be tried anew for the same offence."

Under this law the committee hold that the Grand Lodge of Michigan was specially restricted to granting the party a new trial, "if informality or want of fairness" appeared, but not "to go beyond the letter and spirit of the law, and re-instate the appellant," when only authorized "to remand the case for a new trial." Appeal sustained, and the action of the Grand Lodge of Michigan in re-instating Bro. Hatch, reversed.

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## No. 14. On the appeal of James Bowyer, against the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas, in the case of Bro. M. V. Mills.

Bro. Mills was Treasurer of Atascosa Lodge, No. 213; was charged "with refusing to pay over money due said Lodge, collected by him as Treasurer, with intent to defraud the Lodge." The committee of the Lodge reported that there was no evidence of the intent alleged, but found the brother guilty of withholding Lodge funds, and recommended his suspension for six months, and that he should also be reprimanded. Upon this report the Lodge acquitted the brother, and upon appeal the Grand Lodge of Texas approved this decision. The appeal to this Grand Lodge is from the action of the State Grand Lodge.

The committee agree that no person as Treasurer of a Lodge, or acting in a fiduciary capacity for a Lodge, even without intent to defraud, has a right to withhold money belonging to said Lodge, and such withholding is unbecoming conduct, and unless there is ample excuse therefor should be followed by proper punishment. In this case however, the questions of fact, and the trial thereof, and the decision, were in the exclusive jurisdiction of the Lodge, and the Grand Lodge of the State, which Lodges, they presume, found such excuse. But the Subordinate having disregarded Clause 4, of Article IV, of the Uniform Constitution for the government of Subordinate Lodges in Texas, which requires that a motion for suspension or expulsion shall be announced at two regular meetings previous to action, the action of the Grand Lodge of Texas cannot be sustained. The committee recommend that the Grand Lodge of Texas be instructed to reverse its action

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The committee consider "the words used by the brother in his application for the card, 'with the privilege of deposit,' as superfluous, as when a card is voted, it carries with it the right to deposit it, without written permission, wherever he desires, the Lodge to which he may present it, being willing to receive him, and no question of jurisdiction being raised; that the action of the Lodge was proper and the superfluous words did not affect the validity of the card." Appeal sustained.	
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The committee consider the question one of great importance—that it involves a principle which, until the year 1874, was never questioned by this Grand Lodge, although the subject had often been before it. A decision was made that year, apparently in contravention of the principles theretofore recognized upon the subject. In 1848 and in 1851, the Grand Lodge established the principle "that a person initiated contrary to law, without fault on his part, was entitled to remain in the Order." In 1874, in the case of W. D. Kennedy, appealed from Grand Lodge of Ontario, a decision was reached, contravening the former decision. The only difference between the former cases and the case of W. D. Kennedy, being that, in the former cases, the parties were <i>initiated</i> , and that Kennedy was <i>admitted by card</i> ; and further, that Kennedy did not sign the Constitution. The committee ignore the decision in the Kennedy case, and rule that the principle established by the cases named in Section 130 of White's Digest is the law of the Order with reference to persons irregularly admitted to	

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The committee to whom their former report was recommitted, substitute, in place of the last two paragraphs of the same, the following: That the right of a member to wear the regalia of the highest rank which he may have attained, does not apply to the case under consideration. At the funeral of a Lodge member, who has not attained the Patriarchal Degree, each member is entitled to wear the regalia of the highest rank he has attained in the Lodge. The regular regalia, as prescribed for the Encampment branch other than the usual rosette, has not been authorized to be used on such occasions. Appeal dismissed, and decision of the Grand Master confirmed.	
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The committee report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption :	
<i>Resolved</i> , That this R. W Grand Lodge, reiterating its solemn declaration that "the Order of Odd Fellows has formed a union for mutual support and assistance in time of sickness and misfortune, by contributing stipulated dues, which secures to its members as a right (and not as a charity) <i>a certain fixed sum</i> , designated by law," and that "the payment of weekly benefits to sick members is the distinguishing characteristic of our Order, and may be regarded as the fundamental principle of Odd Fellowship," yet, recognizing the peculiar exigencies of the condition of the Order in Germany, and the apparent necessity of departing for a time from the rule enounced by this R. W. Grand Body, in order to preserve its own existence, do hereby approve the action taken by the Grand Lodge of Germany in substituting " facultative " for stipulated benefits.	
<i>Resolved</i> , That it is the opinion of this R. W. Grand Lodge that, as soon as the difficulties can be satisfactorily adjusted, the Grand Lodge of Germany should re-enact its former law requiring stipulated benefits.	
<i>Resolved</i> , That this R. W. Grand Lodge, in view of the financial embarrassment of the Grand Lodge of the German Empire, hereby directs the R. W. Grand Secretary to furnish to the said	

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No. 1. On the resolutions of the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin.

Concerning the first resolution relative to balloting on application for membership, the committee refer to the legislation had in 1868 and 1871, Digest, 509, 509a, as giving all the authority necessary therefor. They report the following resolutions, and recommend their adoption:

*Resolved*, That hereafter the only qualification for office in a Rebekah Degree Lodge shall be: 1st. Such member shall be an actual contributing member in good standing in such Lodge; 2d. No member shall be eligible to the office of Noble Grand unless previous service is shown in the office of Vice Grand in a Rebekah Degree or Subordinate Lodge.

*Resolved*, That the term P. W. of the Subordinate Lodge shall not be applicable to or used in a Rebekah Degree Lodge, and the passwords of the Rebekah Degree shall alone be used by both sexes therein from and after the first day of January next.

*Resolved*, That all former legislation, in conflict with the foregoing resolutions, is hereby repealed.

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No. 2. On that part of the Grand Secretary's report relative to the Rebekah Degree.

The committee report they appreciate the importance of the suggestion, but for want of time to properly consider it, they recommend that the subject be referred to a special committee, to be reported upon at the next session.

Report by Rep. Hovenner, of the District of Columbia, chairman....	7457
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No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Bell, of Ohio, asking for a dispensation for granting visiting cards to brothers wishing to visit Lodges in other jurisdictions.

The committee report adversely.

Report by Rep. Ford, of Ontario.....	7460
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No. 4. On the resolution of Rep. Cothran, of Alabama, "That daughters of members of the Fifth Degree, in good standing, be eligible to membership in the Degree of Rebekah."

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Report by Rep. Hildreth, of New Hampshire.....	7464
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The committee report favorably.

Report by Rep. Nash, of Maine.....	7371
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No. 2. On the books of the R. W. Grand Secretary and R. W. Grand Treasurer.

The committee report that the books are kept in a business-like

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Report by Rep. Blanks, of Virginia.....	7398
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Report by Rep. Muckle, of Pennsylvania.....	7403
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No. 6. On the balance sheet, presented in the report of the R. W. Grand Secretary.	
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No. 2. On the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary's correspondence relating to Thomas Wildey Lodge, No. 1, and Anglo American Encampment, No. 1, London, England.	
The committee recommend that the action of the Grand Sire in reference to these bodies be approved, and that the further consideration of the subject be referred to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary with power to act.	
Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman.....	7367
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- No. 3. On the proposition of the Manchester Unity Order of Odd Fellows, of England, for a reciprocation of courtesies between the two Orders.  
 The committee recommend that the subject be committed to the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary for examination, and that they report thereon at the next session.  
 Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7367  
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- No. 4. On the State of the Order in the jurisdiction of Australia, and the complications existing in the form of the government, as reported by the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary.  
 The committee recommend the appointment of the M. W. Grand Sire as a suitable Commissioner to Australia, and to New Zealand.  
 Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7368  
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- No. 5. On the translation of the ritual into the Holland tongue.  
 The committee report a resolution authorizing the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to have the translation received from Amsterdam, through Past Grand Sire Ostheim, thoroughly and critically examined, and, when found to be correct, to have the same printed. The committee also recommend an appropriation to D. D. Grand Sire Ostheim for his services.  
 Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7434  
 Amended and adopted..... 7502
- No. 6. On the rate of exchange to be credited to the Lodges in Peru.  
 The committee recommend the suggestion made by the Grand Sire on that subject, viz: "That the rate of exchange actually paid be credited to the Lodges, and the Grand Secretary be authorized to give the Subordinate Lodges located in Peru, South America, credit for the balances appearing against them."  
 Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7435  
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- No. 7. On the introduction of the Order into China and Japan.  
 The committee report adversely, on the ground of prematurity.  
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- No. 8. Minority report on same subject, concurring in the statement of facts in the majority report, but dissenting from the sentiment contained in the resolution.  
 Report by Rep. Shaffner, of Kentucky..... 7436  
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- No. 9. On so much of the Grand Sire's report, as suggests the propriety of placing the Encampment Degrees under the jurisdiction of Subordinate Lodges in foreign countries.  
 The committee, for reasons assigned, recommend the postponement of this subject until the next session.  
 Report by Rep. Hickok, of Pennsylvania, chairman..... 7463  
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- No. 10. On the clearance card issued by the Grand Lodge of Australia.  
 The committee disapprove the card, as contrary to the charter of the jurisdiction, and not bearing the seal of the Grand Lodge

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Report by Rep. McKinney, of Texas, chairman.....	7404
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<b>HISTORY OF ODD FELLOWSHIP.</b>	
No. 1. The committee recommend as follows:	
<i>First.</i> The importance of bringing to a speedy conclusion the History of the First Decade of Odd Fellowship.	
<i>Second.</i> That \$3,000 be appropriated to the Historiographer for services already performed and to be performed, and obligations incurred by him.	
<i>Third.</i> That the MSS. (except the Kennedy MSS.) be placed in the possession of the Historiographer, with instructions to complete the work at the earliest possible period, and bring the same to publication, he assuming the sole responsibility and cost of such publication, and receiving whatever profits may result from the sale.	
<i>Fourth.</i> That in the event the history be not brought to press by the Historiographer, the MSS. shall revert to the G. L. of U. S.	
Report by Rep. Gales, of North Carolina, chairman.....	7434
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No. 2. The committee to whom was recommitted their report, report again the same as follows:	
Modify the second resolution so that it shall read:	
<i>Resolved,</i> That all the historical manuscripts be placed in the possession of the Historiographer, with a request to complete the work at the earliest practicable day, and bring the same to publication; and that, in that case, he shall assume the sole responsibility and cost of such publication, and receive whatever profits may result from the sale: <i>provided</i> that after the Kennedy MSS. shall have been used by the Historiographer in the preparation of the work, they shall be filed in the archives of the Grand Lodge as its property.	
Modify the third resolution so as to read:	
<i>Resolved,</i> That in the event the Historiographer does not bring the said history to press, or designate some one to do so, all the manuscripts shall revert to the Grand Lodge of the United States, and be deposited in its archives.	
Report by Rep. Gales, of North Carolina, chairman.....	7510
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No. 1. On the memorial from the Indian Territory, requesting such a modification of the Constitution as to permit the initiation of Indians.	
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Report by Rep. Dowden, of Kentucky.....	7365
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No. 2. On the case of Rep. De Gress, of Chile. The facts of the case appear as follows: Bro. De Gress was received at the last session, as a Representative of the Grand Lodge of Chile, upon his proper certificate in due form. He has not since returned to Chile, and said Grand Lodge has in consequence declared his seat vacant. Prior to January 1, last, he made his report as G. Rep. to the Grand Lodge of Chile, and transmitted in cypher to the Grand Master of that jurisdiction the A. T. P. W. Complications in his business matters, he informed the Grand Master, prevented his return, but his domicil in the jurisdiction was not lost by his temporary absence.

The committee think that by Article IX, Section 1, of the Constitution, a Grand Representative has a vested right in his seat for two years, and by Section 3 of said Article the qualification of said officer is prescribed—that the election of said Bro. De Gress and his qualification for his constitutional term was settled last year and is not an open question; that the law in Section 900, Digest, is not authorized by, and is incompatible with, the Constitution. They report a resolution that Bro. De Gress is constitutionally entitled to his seat.

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No. 3. Minority report on the same subject.

The minority quote the law (Section 900, Digest) authorizing Grand Bodies to declare the seat of a Grand Representative vacant "who does not return to his jurisdiction on or before the first day of January following the session of the Grand Lodge, unless prevented by sickness or unavoidable accident," and rule that the Grand Lodge of Chile, in the exercise of proper power, has declared the seat vacant, and thus endorse its decision.

Report by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, chairman.....	7378
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No. 4. On the inquiry of the Grand Lodge of Connecticut, namely: "Is it in accordance with the principles of the Order for a member of a Lodge to prosecute brothers in civil courts for presenting charges against him in the Lodge?"

The committee report asking to be discharged from the subject for want of jurisdiction.

Report by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, chairman.....	7379
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No. 5. On the inquiry, from the Grand Encampment of Massachusetts: "Can a Patriarch wear the prescribed street uniform at a funeral?"

The committee report that the regalia to be worn at a funeral is prescribed by Section 1638, Digest, but the regularly prescribed regalia of the Order may be worn instead of or in connection with the funeral regalia, as Subordinate Grand Jurisdictions may determine. Sections 666, 667, 1640, Digest. The street uniform is to be worn on public occasions and a funeral we infer is such a public occasion as is contemplated by Section 1670c, Digest. They rule that the street uniform can be worn at funerals, if the State Grand Jurisdiction shall so determine.

Report by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, chairman.....	7380
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Report by Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, chairman.....	7380
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No. 7. On the resolution of Rep. McLean, of the District of Columbia, "Whether the establishment and maintenance of libraries for the use of the Order can be included in the 'legitimate purposes of the Order,' so far as to authorize State Grand Lodges to require of the members of their Subordinates the payment of a fixed annual sum, in the shape of dues, for their establishment and support." The committee report adversely to such power.	
Report by Rep. Herring, of Texas.....	7381
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No. 8. On the resolution of the Grand Encampment of Kentucky, requesting this Grand Lodge to define the fee, for the reinstatement of a dropped Patriarch. The committee report that Section 1687a, Digest, fully provides for the subject. "and that the fee provided for therein, for the reinstatement after one year from the date of suspension, is the total amount fixed in the By-Laws of the Encampment of which he was a member, for the P., G. R., and R. P. Degrees, for a brother of his age, or such lesser sum as may be fixed by the By-Laws of the Encampment, not less than the amount of one year's dues charged members thereof."	
Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania.....	7411
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No. 9. On the subject of Clearance Cards, issued by the Grand Lodge of Australia. The committee ask to be discharged from the subject, as improp- erly referred, and that the same be referred to the Committee on Foreign Relations.	
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No. 10. On the proceedings of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, presented by Rep. Sherman, Journal of 1876, page 6947. The committee report that the subject is, whether, when an amendment to the Constitution or By-laws of a Grand or Sub- ordinate Lodge is under consideration, an amendment to the pending proposition can be entertained and acted upon, and in their opinion the pending amendment cannot be amended, unless permitted by local law. They also report the action of the Grand Lodge of Illinois upon the subject was proper and legal.	
Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania .....	7419
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No. 11. On the communication from the Grand Lodge of Wisconsin, the object of which was to ascertain whether it is legal to change or divert a fund, originally designed for one purpose, to that of another. The committee decide that the action of the Grand Lodge in adopting the report of the Legislative Committee, page 7368, Journal, fully legalizes such action.	
Report by Rep. Gwinner, of Pennsylvania.....	7481
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No. 1. On the recommendation of the Grand Secretary, that a new Standing Committee on Property be appointed. The committee report adversely, and commit the preservation of	

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Report by Rep. Dyer, of Maine.....	7361
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No. 2. On the right of Grand Lodges to create a Widows' and Orphans' Endowment Fund, by a tax upon their Subordinates, to be collected and paid upon the death of each member in good standing.	
The committee report adversely to the right of Grand Lodges to make forced assessments for such purposes.	
Report by Rep. Underwood, of Kentucky.....	7363
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No. 3. On the resolution of Rep. Fitzhugh, of Virginia, "That the whole of the assets and property of lodges are trust funds, equally to be protected and of equal sacredness."	
The committee report the resolution slightly modified, for adoption as follows:	
<i>Resolved</i> , That when, from any cause, any separate fund of a Subordinate Lodge shall be found unnecessary, it shall be lawful to otherwise appropriate such fund or to merge it, in whole or in part, in the general fund; provided that the object contemplated by such special fund, be otherwise fully protected, and secured. And provided, further, that provision be fully made to return any donation made to the said special fund which may be demanded by any donor who may insist upon its being donated to the object for which it was donated; provided, further, that no such appropriation shall be made unless the same shall first be authorized by the Grand Lodge to which such Subordinate may be attached.	
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The committee report the following resolution for adoption:	
<i>Resolved</i> , That it shall be a necessary qualification for all members appointed to official position in a Subordinate Lodge, that they shall have attained the Scarlet Degree, except that of Chaplain and Scene Supporters; but in the event of the contingency arising, that the office of either Right or Left Supporter to the Vice Grand cannot be filled with brethren possessing the Scarlet Degree, then it may be permissible to appoint to these positions those not having attained said Degree.	
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ments of the Constitution, and as such is entitled to visit his own Lodge or Encampment. He cannot, however, become entitled to benefits until he shall have paid up in full all dues and fines (weekly and funeral) that have accrued against him up to the date of payment, if the By-Laws of the Lodge or Encampment shall so provide; nor then, until the expiration of such time thereafter as may also by the laws be provided as a penalty.

*Resolved*, That a Lodge or Encampment cannot refuse to receive in full or in part the dues of a member prior to his suspension, and no member can be suspended or dropped from membership in the Order for non-payment of dues, unless at the time of his suspension he shall be indebted to the Lodge or Encampment for one year's dues.

*Resolved*, That when any member of a Lodge or Encampment shall neglect or refuse to pay the dues fixed by the laws, for the space of one year, the Secretary or Scribe shall report the same to the Noble Grand or Chief Patriarch, and, unless the Lodge or Encampment otherwise direct, such member shall thereupon be suspended, (he having been first notified of the action that would be taken), a record of which shall be made upon the minutes. The mere fact of a member being over twelve months in arrears does not constitute him a suspended or dropped member. To render him such, the Lodge or Encampment must formally declare him to be suspended.

*Resolved*, That all previous legislation inconsistent with the foregoing resolutions, be and is hereby repealed.

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## MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS.

No. 1. On the memorial from the Grand Lodge of Florida, in regard to the establishment of an Odd Fellows' Home, at Jacksonville.

The Committee report the following resolution, and recommend its adoption:

*Resolved*, That this Grand Lodge highly appreciates the efforts and commends the noble purposes of the Odd Fellows of Florida, in furnishing an asylum for the distressed Odd Fellow, and recommend said home as worthy the fostering care and kind assistance of all good Odd Fellows throughout the land.

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No. 2. On the memorial of Rep. Homes, of Louisiana, submitting a plan, for the establishment of a Home for Consumptive Odd Fellows.	
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The committee report adversely to his application, with a recommendation that the M. W. Grand Sire issue a specific circular, forbidding the publication of any of the Forms, Lectures, Ceremonials, Emblems, etc., of the Order, as a violation of the laws of the Grand Lodge, and that he notify the publishers of all Manuals and other publications infringing upon the rights of this body, that they must discontinue the sale of said works, in whatever shape they may be.	
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No. 2. On the application of Montreal Encampment, No. 1, Montreal, Province of Quebec, Canada, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Ontario.	
The committee report a resolution in accordance with the petition.	

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No. 3. On confirming the warrants issued during the recess for the following Subordinate Encampments, viz: Unity, No. 2, Seattle, Washington Territory; Atahualpa, No. 1, Lima, Peru, South America; Harmony, No. 2, New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Canada; Port La Joie, No. 13, Charlottetown, Prince Edward Island, Canada.	
The committee report that the Encampments have been instituted, and approve the action of the Grand officers.	

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No. 4. On confirming the warrants issued during the recess for the following Subordinate Lodges viz.: New Castle, No. 8, New Castle, Mount Baker, No. 9, Port Townsend, and Patit, No. 10, Dayton, Washington Territory; Beaver, No. 6, Montreal, and Pioneer, No. 7, Richmond, Province of Quebec, Canada; McAlister, No. 3, McAlister, Indian Territory.	
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The committee report that the Lodges have been instituted, and approve the action of the Grand Sire in issuing the warrants.	
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The committee report adversely for want of sufficient information, but recommend that the proper Grand Officers continue the correspondence with a view of establishing a Lodge as soon as the laws of the Order can be fully complied with.	
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No. 7. On the application of Harmony Encampment, No. 2, New Westminster, Province of British Columbia, Canada, to be placed under the jurisdiction of the Grand Encampment of Oregon.	
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No. 1. The committee report on the business transacted during the year by said committee, in detail, including printing and distribution of the Revised Journal, the expense of the same, the contract for the same, and for all supplies furnished to the Grand Secretary, contracts for officers' reports and for all material, etc.

The committee recommend the adoption of the following resolutions:

*Resolved*, That a translation of the odes into the French language be procured, to be printed and sold at the same price as the odes now in use.

*Resolved*, That the odes as now prescribed be printed with suitable music, one or more tunes arranged for each ode, in such manner as the Committee on Printing Supplies may determine upon, and sold to Grand and Subordinate Bodies at a remunerative advance on the cost of the same.

*Resolved*, That in order to meet a demand that has arisen for a greater variety of odes and tunes in the Subordinate Lodges, that the Committee on Printing Supplies be authorized to have prepared and printed a second series of odes with music for use in the Lodges, and the same be recognized and authorized by the Grand Lodge as a part of the ceremonial of the Order.

*Resolved*, That the Committee on Printing Supplies be, and are hereby authorized to carry the foregoing resolutions into effect.

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No. 1. The committee report in detail upon the annual reports of the several Grand and Subordinate Bodies, and the reports relating to Degree Lodges of the Daughters of Rebekah, stating that "fifteen jurisdictions that are in possession of this Degree make no report, and consequently it is not possible to ascertain the condition of the Degree Lodges from the reports received." They call the attention of Grand Officers of the several jurisdictions to the law passed in 1876, forfeiting the Charters of all Lodges failing to report, in order that they may have no further excuse for making imperfect returns of the condition of Lodges of this Degree. They also note that the sessions of the Grand Lodge of Switzerland are held on Sunday, in violation of the laws of the G. L. of the U. S.

Report by Rep. Thompson, of Missouri, chairman.....7460  
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No. 1. On decision No. 1, of the M. W. Grand Sire.

The committee approve the decision, as in conformity with law.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....7361  
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No. 2. On the inquiry whether Subordinate Lodges are bound to give "the honors of the Order" when a visiting brother is introduced, by an elective officer of a State Grand Lodge, such visiting brother not being entitled to receive the honors.

The committee report affirmatively, as the whole transaction is done "officially" by the Grand Officer announcing himself with a "visitor" as such.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....7421  
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No. 3. On the subject of communicating the A. T. P. W. to the retiring Noble Grand at the installation of officers of the term commencing in January.

The committee report adversely to such legislation, and ask to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....7421  
Adopted.....7500

No. 4. On the question, what constitutes "four-fifths of the members of this Grand Lodge," under Section 5, Article I, Constitution.

The committee think that a quorum of members assembled in session constitutes "*this Grand Lodge*," and may alter the unwritten work, if every member present in Grand Lodge votes in the affirmative, although a bare quorum be present. The language in the same section, referring to the written work, changes, by stating that "nor shall the written work of the Order be in any case altered or amended, except with the concurrence of four-fifths of the *members* of this Grand Lodge." This expression, the committee thinks, is equivalent to saying "four-fifths of *all* the members of this Grand Lodge."

Report by Rep. White, of New York, chairman.....7497  
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No. 1. The committee report in detail the several subjects in the reports of the Grand Sire and Grand Secretary to the session of 1876, not acted upon at the last session; subjects referred and not reported on; reports, etc., postponed to this session; proposed amendments to the Constitution to be considered, and special committees to report at this session. The committee recommend as follows:

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That the infringement of copyright, Grand Sire's report, page 6751, be referred to the Committee on Finance. That the decision of the Grand Sire in the case of the Grand Master of Tennessee, page 6752, be referred to the Appeal Committee No. 2. That the subject of annual reports, referred to in the Grand Secretary's report, page 6800, and the petition of St. John's Lodge, No. 62, page 6928, be referred to the Legislative Committee. That the subject of clearance cards, Grand Secretary's report, page 6804; the resolution of Rep. McLean, page 6931, and the extract from the Journal of Grand Lodge of Illinois, page 6947, be referred to the Judiciary Committee. That the report of the Committee on History of the Order, page 7034, and the amendments to the Constitution, be considered as they appear on the Journal.

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"Lives of great men, all remind us,  
We can make our lives sublime,  
And, departing, leave behind us  
Footprints on the sands of time.

"Footprints, that perhaps another,  
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,  
A forlorn and shipwrecked brother,  
Seeing, shall take heart again.

"Let us then be up and doing,  
With a heart for any fate;  
Still achieving, still pursuing,  
Learn to labor and to wait."

—Longfellow.

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## Died.

ISAAC D. WILLIAMSON, Past Grand Representative, of Maryland and Alabama, and Past Grand Chaplain of the Grand Lodge of the United States, at his residence near Cincinnati, Ohio, on the 26th day of November, 1876; aged sixty-nine years.

"Bro. Williamson has borne so distinguished and prominent a career in Odd Fellowship during the second decade and since, as our records abundantly testify, that it will be safe to say of him, that but few, if any, of his contemporaries surpassed him in active zeal and usefulness in the Order, or in sound judgment and ripe experience in the business of Odd Fellowship. Besides his approved official character of Grand Chaplain, which position he long held in this Grand Lodge, he rendered it the most valuable service as a Grand Representative, long contributing to its counsels and legislation the benefit of his enlarged knowledge and experience. He was the author of one of the present Patriarchal degrees, having prepared the Golden Rule at the request of Bro. W. W. Moore, P. G. Sire, one of the Committee of Revision of 1843. He was one of the Special Commissioners sent by the Grand Lodge of the United States to the Grand Annual Movable Committee of the Manchester Unity, England, in 1842, and may properly be revered as one of the Fathers of the Order as it now exists." —*Journal*, 7274.

## IN MEMORIAM.

WILLIAM ELLISON, the thirteenth Past Grand Sire of the Order, and Past Grand Representative, of Massachusetts, at his residence, Boston Highlands, on the 23d day of August, 1877; aged sixty-five years.

"Bro. ELLISON was universally known and respected by his brethren everywhere. He was an able, zealous and continuous laborer in the Order, and his withdrawal by death from active service in our great cause, will be felt and deplored as a general calamity. So valuable, varied and effective have been his labors, that it will require time, talent and diligent research to collect and properly present a true sketch of his career as an Odd Fellow."—*Journal*, 7274.

"He was often honored with the suffrages of his fellow-citizens, and in every position of honor or trust to which he was called, he gave evidence of remarkable ability and fidelity. He was a true exponent of Odd Fellowship, and no special eulogy is needed to embalm his memory in our hearts. The brightest niche in the temple of fame must be awarded him for his unswerving devotion to principle and duty."—*Journal*, 7490.

ISAIAH DILL, Past Grand Representative, of Alabama, at his residence, Huntsville, Alabama, July 5th, 1877; aged seventy years.

"The warm fraternal greeting that always came with him to the convocation of our Grand Lodge will be sadly missed by his co-laborers in the work. Bro. DILL was born in Pennsylvania, in 1806, and moved to Huntsville, Alabama, in 1842, and lived there the remaining part of his life. He was an elder in the Presbyterian church, a zealous Odd Fellow, and among his towns-people he was beloved as a singularly pure and good man."—*Journal*, 7492.

NICHOLAS P. IGLEHART, Past Grand Representative, of Illinois, at Evanston, Illinois, April 10th, 1877; aged sixty-five years.

"Bro. IGLEHART will long be remembered by his co-laborers as an earnest worker, a genial companion and a true Odd Fellow. During the last eight years of his life, he suffered from an organic disease, during which time he visited various localities in hopes of regaining his health, but the summons came, and with Hope, which had been his talisman through life, he entered the portals of the immortal."—*Journal*, 7493.

AMOS JOHNSON, Past Grand Representative, of Massachusetts, at his residence in the city of Boston, September 8th, 1877; aged fifty-nine years.

"In his daily walk and conversation, Bro. JOHNSON was a beautiful type of a true Odd Fellow. In his death another star in the galaxy of Odd Fellowship has set; but it has left the impress of its benignant rays to cheer us on in the path he so wisely trod, and to stimulate us to higher thoughts and nobler actions."—*Journal*, 7494.

IN MEMORIAM.

CHARLES E. BUCKINGHAM, Past Grand Representative, of Massachusetts, at his residence in the city of Boston, February 19th, 1877; aged fifty-five years.

"By his contribution to the periodical literature of the Order, he did much to advance the cause of Odd Fellowship, which was ever dear to his heart. He was a genial-tempered and warm-hearted man, ever ready to succor the distressed. But in the prime of life and in the vigor of his years, he has been cut down, and the skilled and beloved physician, the kind father and friend, the true Odd Fellow, has passed on to his rest; and it remains for us, his bereaved associates, to drop a tear to his memory, and endeavor to emulate his virtues."

—*Journal*, 7494.

H. N. GUNN, Past Grand Representative, of Massachusetts, at Fall River, Massachusetts, October 9th, 1875.

"No special eulogy of his life and character is necessary at my hands. It is sufficient to say that he was ever faithful to his obligations as an Odd Fellow, and as a citizen was honored and respected."

—*Journal*, 7495.

WILLIAM CRUTCHER, Past Grand Representative, of Mississippi, at his residence in the city of Vicksburg, September 23d, 1877; aged sixty-two years.

"With those who knew him best his memory will ever be cherished in grateful remembrance, as one who was worthy of the highest admiration and esteem, and who, while he lived, brightly exemplified the noble character of the true Odd Fellow. His exalted virtues as a man, a citizen and a friend, may well serve as a beacon light to cheer, to guide, to illumine the pathway of humanity in its ever-increasing efforts of philanthropy and benevolence."—*Journal*, 7495.

SAMUEL J. OSGOOD, Grand Representative, of New Hampshire, at his residence, Laconia, New Hampshire, February 14th, 1877; aged fifty-six years.

"We cherish his memory with satisfaction and delight. Prompt, punctual, exact, honest and agreeable as an officer, ready and willing at all times to perform every duty incumbent on him in consequence of his official positions—kind, indulgent, affectionate and loving, as brother, husband and father—upright and zealous to promote the growth of our beloved Order, possessing a generous soul and a sympathetic heart, few brothers have passed onward and upward to a higher life whose loss his immediate friends more keenly feel or deeply deplore than that of our worthy brother, SAMUEL J. OSGOOD."

—*Journal*, 7496.

IN MEMORIAM.

HORACE A. MANCHESTER, Past Deputy Grand Sire, of the Grand Lodge of the United States, and Past Grand Representative, of Rhode Island, at his residence, Stockton, California, April 30th, 1877; aged sixty-five years.

"Bro. MANCHESTER was through life a genial and benevolent man; was possessed of great experience and varied knowledge, and as an Odd Fellow was always self-sacrificing, devoted and conscientious. Those who knew him best loved him most, and he has left in the hearts of his former friends and associates in the Order, the highest appreciation of his good qualities, and the tenderest recollections of his earthly virtues."—*Journal*, 7497.













